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## From the President

# A night at the museum, and then some

Our museums, when they are done right and when they find their greatest use, are often like the lives we lead. They are rich, multifaceted spaces where hard, quantifiable science or the papers and documents of history or the installations of painting and sculpture can take on beautiful, sometimes quirky, shapes and aspects.

Such are the many museums that dot the perimeter and the interior of our campus. As you will learn in this issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*,

our University actually features its own University District Museums, which includes museums on our campus or near the campus. Within this district live a dozen diverse museums, ranging from the relatively new Museum of Natural History (which opened its doors on the third floor of the Fleischmann Agriculture Building in 2014) to longtime favorites such as Special Collections & University Archives in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and the W.M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum in our historic Mackay Mines Building.

Each one of these spaces represents different facets of museums and their value to a college campus and the community it serves. Three years ago, as I was preparing my remarks for my inaugural address, the entire history of the University seemed to spread out before me as I read the texts of previous inaugural remarks from our past presidents. The remarks had been gathered thanks to the able staff of Special Collections & University Archives. Special Collections & University Archives, on a daily basis, open the pages of our University's life—as well as the life of our community—to our faculty and staff colleagues, students, friends and visitors.

Increasingly, our museums (and our libraries on campus) are re-defining the entire notion of how we interact with the items, artifacts, art and ideas before us. Whenever possible, we emphasize the experiential aspect of learning at the University. It is no accident, then, that not far from the Keck Museum, where tactile experience of rocks and rare minerals are considered an integral part of the experience, is the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library, where the essence of learning quickly becomes multi-dimensional. The DeLaMare has been recognized as one of the most interesting makerspaces in the country thanks to its self-directed learning areas and emphasis on 3D technology for creativity, engineering and learning.

This intersection between material and metaphor, between how one interacts with a curated exhibit and then how one applies what is presented in a way that can change perception or perspective, will continue to become one of the defining and exciting features of our University.

Come take a look and experience our museums for yourself. In addition to weekday visits, we are planning to expand the days and hours of operation for many of our museums. This spring, we will again offer our successful "Day at the Museums" event featuring a Saturday in which all of our museums, all at the same time, are open to the public. We are also working on a schedule that will feature museums being open one Saturday per month, in addition to those already open on weekends on a regular or a recurring basis. The University Events Calendar is an excellent resource to learn about these efforts.

In sum, our University District Museums represents not only what we've achieved, but what we hope to achieve. It is a rich, multi-faceted resource to be enjoyed not just by the campus, but by the entire community.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson  
President

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President Marc Johnson and Garrett Barmore, Mackay School of Mines endowed curator and director of the W.M. Keck Museum.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

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The Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center, which features a 60-seat, state-of-the-art immersive star theater, is one of 12 museums and attractions on and around campus that form the University District Museums. Curators from each location have banded together as a museum consortium to provide better collaboration and public access to the variety of spaces. Learn more about these amazing places in our cover feature (page 3) and corresponding map (page 11). Photo by Jeff Dow.

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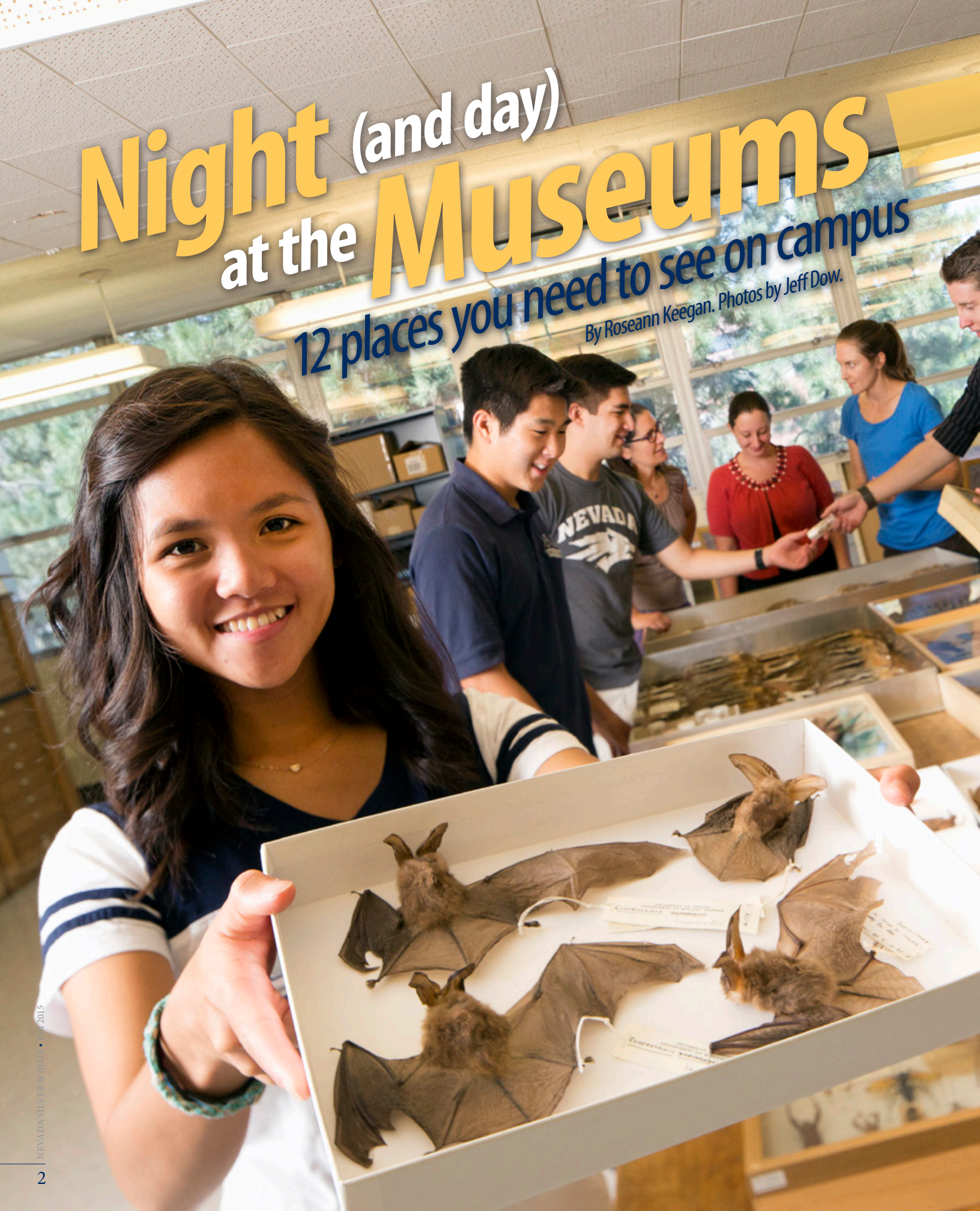
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# Night (and day) at the Museums

12 places you need to see on campus

By Roseann Keegan. Photos by Jeff Dow.







Eight-year-old aspiring geologist Alyssa Ronilos stands wide-eyed in front of a sparkling display of quartz and amethyst at the W.M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum. “Yeah, I’m pretty interested in this stuff,” says Ronilos, on vacation in Reno with her family from Jacksonville, Fla. “You can look at rocks and figure out what they are and what they’re used for. I love this!”

The W.M. Keck Museum, housed on the second floor of the Mackay Mines Building, is one of 12 museums scattered on and around campus featuring the wonders of Nevada, the University and the world. Curators from each location came together earlier this year to form a museum consortium.

“By banding together, we can move forward,” says University Galleries Director Paul Baker Prindle, who also hints at possible “Night at the Museum” events as well as wine walks. “Many of the museums and galleries on campus have large collections that are, unfortunately, widely unknown. Through our collaborations, we’re working to put the University District Museums on the map.”

On a Saturday in May, all of the museums, including the University’s Arboretum, teamed up to open their doors to the public in an effort to raise community awareness of these campus treasures that are hidden in plain sight.

“The number of museums on and around campus reflects the Nevada culture that we celebrate and embrace,” says Garrett Barmore, Mackay School of Mines Endowed Curator of the W.M. Keck Museum. “We may all be separate entities, but we can focus on our strengths.

By forming a consortium, we can share those strengths and for the first time work together.”

“This also helps bridge the gap between the University and the greater Reno community,” Barmore says.

Visitors can see thousands of unique items, including a priceless silver collection; rare rocks and minerals; a meteorite from outer space; a collection of insects; animals and plants from around the Great Basin and the world; stun-

ning artwork; a working museum that houses printing presses from different eras; some of the oldest collections in Nevada dating back as far as the 1850s and medical artifacts used in Nevada, just to name a few.

“The collaboration allows us to share our resources and knowledge, and helps each of us grow and excel in our individual missions,” says Donnelyn Curtis, head of Special Collections at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. “Some of the campus museums serve researchers as their primary users, but we all have an additional mission to serve the larger community and enhance the cultural life of Reno families and individu-

als. We think they will be surprised at what is tucked away in the museums on this campus.”

All of the museums are located on campus, except the Wilbur D. May Museum, and all are within a mile of each other. Visitors are encouraged to walk from museum to museum and enjoy the beauty and history of the campus, which is a designated state arboretum and recognized as a Tree Campus USA with collections of trees and shrubs.

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—Donnelyn Curtis, director  
of Special Collections

*Students and visitors enjoy browsing through the wonders on display at the University’s Museum of Natural History, the only research and educational museum of its kind in the state.*



# Museum of Natural History



*The University's Museum of Natural History, which opened its doors in 2014, is host to 92,000 plant specimens of historic value, a growing collection of almost half a million regional and tropical insects, more than 10,000 mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and nearly 20,000 fish. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Museum visitors take turns holding a friendly millipede. Top: A sampling of the museum's plant specimens. CENTER AND BOTTOM: The museum's extensive butterfly collection and bird egg collection.*

For the first time in University of Nevada, Reno history, the research and teaching collections of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources and the College of Science have been integrated into a single natural history museum.

The Museum of Natural History opened its doors in 2014 in room 300 of the Fleischmann Agriculture Building on the corner of Evans Avenue and Record Street, and is the latest addition to the University District Museums.

The only research and educational museum of its kind in Nevada, the space holds specimens collected as far back as 1850. The growing collection is host to 92,000 plant specimens of historic value, as well as a growing collection of almost half a million regional and tropical insects, more than 10,000 mammals, birds,

reptiles and amphibians, and nearly 20,000 fish.

A result of decades of collection by faculty, volunteers and students, the museum showcases the wealth of the Great Basin's natural heritage. The museum's collections are also used for research projects by students and faculty from across the campus and by researchers all over the world.

"One of our missions is to instill a sense of wonder and excitement about the natural world and the unique place that is northern Nevada," says museum co-director and plant curator Elizabeth Leger. "Our exhibits highlight the biology and conservation of local plants, animals and fragile Great Basin ecosystems through living animals, student art, mounted specimens and other rare treasures from our own natural history collections. The

plants, to me, are just gorgeous."

There is a dedicated display area for outreach and education, and an associated teaching laboratory for in-depth study. K-12 groups are welcome to tour, and museum staff is creating outreach programming to enhance the hands-on science experience for younger students through the aid of a recent National Science Foundation award to co-directors Leger and Chris Feldman, vertebrate curator.

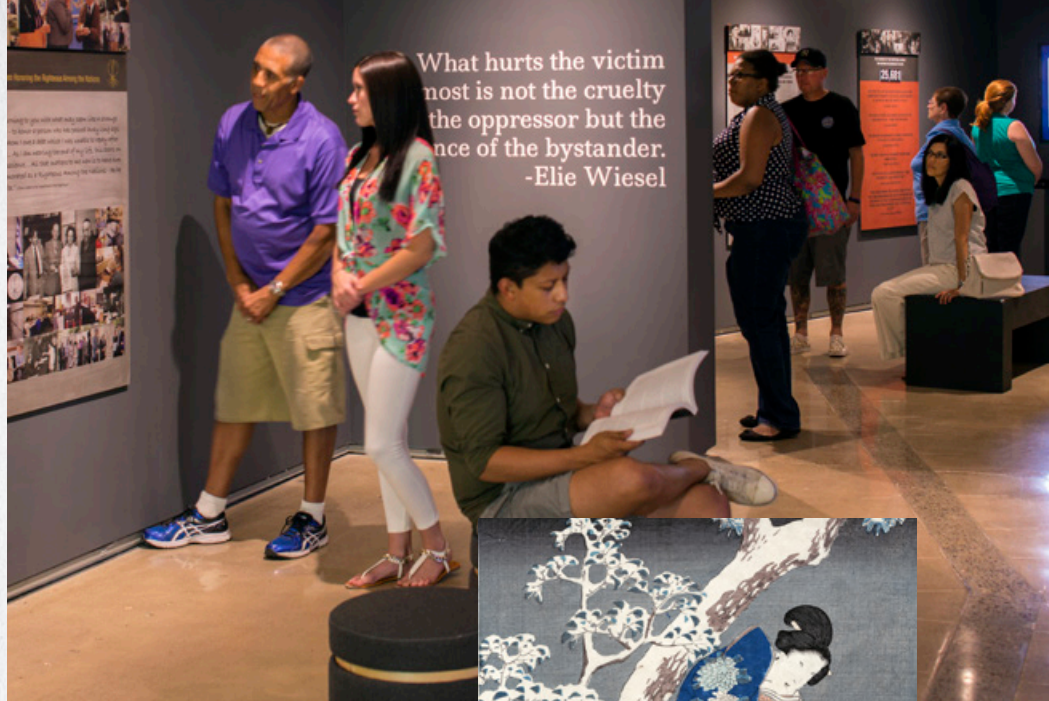
"I love working in the museum," says graduate student Angela Hornsby '09 M.S. (ecology, evolution and conservation biology), a Ph.D. candidate and curatorial assistant in the museum. "It's fun to share Nevada's natural heritage with students and visitors, and it's gratifying to work toward making our collection available to researchers worldwide."



# University Galleries



LEFT: Jean Stamsta's "Neon Volcanoes" is on display through Oct. 24 at the Sheppard Contemporary Gallery and includes nearly 100 objects of Stamsta's colorful work. TOP: "I Am My Brother's Keeper," a tribute to the heroes who risked their lives to save and shelter Jews during the Holocaust, was featured in the Student Galleries South this summer. RIGHT: "A Modern Version," a 19th-century print by Utagawa Kunisada, is part of the University's permanent art collection.



Paul Baker Prindle arrived on campus in spring 2013, and has since brought his vision of a more vibrant, visual arts community to life.

"Great universities have great museums," says Baker Prindle, who oversees the University's family of art galleries. "University museums and galleries support campus communities by exploring today's world through intellectual and creative inquiry. We're committed to collecting, conserving, exhibiting and sharing art research with the understanding that both our cultural heritage and our future belong to the public."

"We all need to embrace creativity as a lifestyle," Baker Prindle adds. "Stepping up our game with what we do in the arts helps elevate Reno as a cultural center."

Several spaces comprise the University Galleries, with the Sheppard Contemporary, the Front Door and the McNamara galleries housed inside the Church Fine Arts Building along South Virginia Street.

The Sheppard Contemporary Gallery is the premier art gallery of the University, where new exhibitions of contemporary art are offered every six weeks. Jean Stamsta's "Neon Volcanoes" is on display through Oct. 24 and is drawn from the University Galleries' permanent collection. Gifted from the Kohler Foundation Inc., the exhibit includes nearly 100 objects of Stamsta's colorful work that combines fabric, paint, mirrors and glitter.

Student Galleries South is in the Jot Travis

Building and is dedicated to student exhibitions. Over the summer, the space housed "I Am My Brother's Keeper," a moving tribute to the heroes who risked their lives to save and shelter Jews during the Holocaust.

According to Baker Prindle, it was the first time the exhibition has been exhibited in the United States. It challenges the viewer to think about the question, "What would you do?" if presented with situations in the exhibit and to think about how to prevent future genocides.

"Our gallery space really lends itself to the type of contemplative viewing this exhibition

**"Great universities have great museums."**

—Paul Baker Prindle,  
director of University Galleries

asks the viewer to do," Baker Prindle says.

University Galleries offers regularly scheduled programming and events co-hosted with other campus departments and local organizations. Exhibitions rotate frequently. On most Thursday nights, visitors will find an opportunity for a new art encounter in the galleries. Lectures, workshops, demonstrations,

screenings, studio visits, receptions and more are all part of University Galleries programming accompanying each exhibition.

The University of Nevada, Reno, Department of Art Permanent Collection represents an impressive, decades-old collecting program that is noteworthy for its early attention to regional painters including Jim McCormick and Craig Sheppard. In addition to its collection of 19th and 20th century paintings, the collection is exceptionally strong in prints. The collection also includes works by Renoir, Calder, Warhol and others. Emeritus Professor Ed Martinez organized the collection of a number of print portfolios from major international printmakers to supplement a diverse collection that also includes examples of rare Japanese wood block prints, a who's who of contemporary printmakers and master prints dating as far back as the 16th century. The encyclopedic collection is rounded out by African sculpture, marquetry furniture and glass and ceramic sculpture.

University Galleries is also beginning a three-year program of re-cataloguing the collection in addition to beginning a conservation program and is raising funds through the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to support the project.



# W.M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum



*TOP: Mackay School of Mines Endowed Curator Garrett Barmore holds a mixosaurus skull, one of the many treasures housed in the W.M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum, which first opened in 1908. The state's second-oldest museum offers an expansive selection of minerals, ores, fossil specimens and photographs in addition to mining-related objects. BOTTOM: Barmore introduces a group of University of Nevada, Reno students to the Mackay Silver Collection. The one-of-a-kind, 1,250-piece sterling silver Tiffany & Co. set was commissioned by Comstock Lode mining magnate John Mackay for his wife, Mary-Louise.*

At the foot of the University's historic Quadrangle sits the W.M. Keck Museum in the Mackay School of Mines building. It is the state's second-oldest museum and houses an expansive selection of minerals, ores, fossil specimens and photographs in addition to mining-related objects.

The original building and museum opened in 1908 and is named for John Mackay, one of the "Big Four" mining magnates of the Comstock Lode bonanza. In 1908, this building and subsequent endowments were presented to

the University in John Mackay's honor by his widow, Mary-Louise, and his son, Clarence H. Mackay. The statue of John Mackay that stands proud in front of the building was created by renowned sculptor Gutzon Borglum, best known for his work on Mount Rushmore.

The museum was renamed in 1999 in honor of the W.M. Keck Foundation's generous support of the building's renovation.

With items displayed in their original, purpose-built wooden cases, the museum places a special emphasis on early Nevada min-

ing history with samples from famous mineral districts that include the Comstock Lode, Tonopah and Goldfield.

"People are amazed to see what we have here at the Keck Museum," says Mackay School of Mines Endowed Curator Garrett Barmore. "We have 250 million-year-old Ichthyosaur fossils, more than 12,000 research-ready ore samples, a pickax contorted by underground pressure, 50,000 year-old mammal tracks and a special hidden treasure: the Mackay Silver Collection."

The lower level of the museum is home to





*Items at the W.M. Keck Museum, seen here from the second floor, are displayed in their original, purpose-built cases. The museum is open Monday to Friday and the first Saturday of the month for drop-in, self-guided tours. The museum is also available for tours for all K-12 school and community groups, and includes an introduction to rocks and minerals, fossils, introduction to the Mackay Statue, the Mackay Silver Collection and mining history.*

the jaw-dropping silver collection, created by Tiffany & Co. for John Mackay and completed in 1878. The one-of-a-kind, 1,250-piece sterling silver set was commissioned by Mackay for his wife. A reported 200 craftsman worked exclusively on Mary-Louise's set for two years, and when complete, Mackay purchased the dies so that the service could never be duplicated.

"The collection is remarkable as an example of the silver smith's craft, and serves as both an artistic and historic monument," Barmore says.

The museum is available for tours for all

K-12 school and community groups. Tours are generally 45 minutes and include an introduction to rocks and minerals, fossils, introduction to the Mackay Statue, the Mackay Silver Collection and mining history. The museum also offers free traveling mineral kits for teachers to use in the classroom and provide hands-on earth science education.

The museum is also open Monday to Friday and the first Saturday of the month to all visitors for self-guided tours. Reservations are not necessary.

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—Garrett Barmore, curator and director of the W.M. Keck Museum



# Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center



LEFT: Fleischmann Planetarium Director Dan Ruby introduces visitors to the planetarium's 6-foot rotating moon. CENTER AND TOP RIGHT: The center features the Spitz SciDome digital projector, a high-resolution, state-of-the-art immersive visualization tool that produces extraordinarily bright and colorful 3-D images inside the center's 60-seat immersive star theater. BOTTOM RIGHT: The exhibit hall inside the planetarium contains a large-scale rotating earth and moon globes, a black hole demonstrator, dozens of meteorites and more.

Housed in a distinct, 1960s-era dome overlooking campus, the Fleischmann Planetarium first opened in 1963 as the Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium and was the world's first public center of atmospheric studies of the Desert Research Institute. Since then, the planetarium has evolved to serve millions of visitors to the University campus as a resource for education in astronomy and earth and space science.

"It's remarkably very similar to the way it was in 1963," says Planetarium Director Dan Ruby. "We have daily star shows for the public, we offer a variety of field trips for students in grades K-12, people can wander around the exhibits in the building and we have friendly staff to answer questions."

Still, the displays are anything but stale. The ever-changing displays and sky-dome movies

attract up to 50,000 visitors per year, including more than 10,000 K-12 students.

The planetarium's uniquely shaped building, officially termed a "hyperbolic paraboloid," was designed by famed Reno architect Ray Hellmann and is now listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings. Rumor has it that students used to try to drive their cars to the top of the dome.

After recently undergoing upgrades, the center is now one of the first of a handful of planetariums around the world to utilize the Spitz SciDome digital projector, a high-resolution, state-of-the-art immersive visualization tool that produces extraordinarily bright and colorful 3-D images inside the center's 60-seat immersive star theater. Current shows include "WE CHOOSE SPACE!" with astronauts Scott Parazynski, Tom Jones and Gene Cernan and

veteran space reporter Walter Cronkite, who guide an adventure to the International Space Station and to the past and future moon.

The exhibit hall inside the planetarium contains hands-on interactive displays, as well as permanent exhibits that include large-scale rotating earth and moon globes, a black hole demonstrator, dozens of meteorites and more. The entrance to the exhibit hall was revamped a few years ago to resemble the entrance of a spacecraft, a feature that elicited excited squeals from young day campers visiting on a Friday in July.

The Science Store, at the entrance of the planetarium, is stocked with high-quality toys, educational resources, apparel, optics and more. A classroom space is also available for education programming, birthday parties and events.







And much,  
much more!



TOP: The University's Arboretum, which encompasses the entire campus and includes more than 200 species of trees. LEFT: The Black Rock Press is a working museum and classroom space housing printing presses and graphic arts equipment that span the centuries. Cases of hand-set metal and wood type live alongside computers and other digital technologies. MIDDLE: A Bengal tiger on display at the Wilbur D. May Center. MIDDLE RIGHT: The Great Basin History of Medicine Museum offers a rare glimpse at the history of the health sciences in Nevada. BOTTOM MIDDLE: The Special Collections and University Archives preserves and provides access to rare items such as the "Book of the Oath," created by Dr. Walter E. Clark in 1920 to convey his concept of the core purpose of college education. He wanted the book to become a permanent record of the pledge to service and high ideals of each successive class of graduates for 100 years. BOTTOM RIGHT: The K-12 Engineering Lab is the College of Engineering's first on-campus lab dedicated to sharing and exploring engineering with kids.

There are several more stops throughout the University District Museums to enjoy.

Special Collections and University Archives, a department of the University Libraries on the third floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, preserves and provides access to rare items and important subject collections. It primarily supports research on Nevada and the Great Basin, University history and book arts. Special Collections houses items that cannot be shelved with the library's general collections because of their value, fragility, format or because they are a part of a specialized collection.

Special Collections also houses a growing number of political papers from Nevada politicians, including a 1964 letter from President

Lyndon Johnson to Senator Alan Bible, which includes a gift of an uncirculated Kennedy half dollar. Senator Harry Reid's papers will be coming to Special Collections when he leaves office at the end of 2016. Another treasure is an abandoned bible found in 1874 hidden in a cave along the Lassen Trail on the Emigrant Trail route to California. Items from Special Collections are featured in three themed exhibits per year, and often can be seen in other areas of the Knowledge Center. Items borrowed from other University district museums sometimes enhance Special Collections exhibits, a benefit of the collaboration.

Visitors can also visit the University's Arboretum, which encompasses the entire campus and includes more than 200 species of trees.

Highlights include the Cherry Blossom Garden, the Benson Gardens, Jimmie's Garden, the Albert E. Hilliard Foliage Quad, the Merriam A. Brown Rose Garden and Manzanita Lake.

Additional stops within the district include the Great Basin History of Medicine Museum, the College of Engineering K-12 Teaching Lab, the Anthropology Research Museum and the Nevada Historical Society.

"The campus museums are not just for University students and faculty," says Cheryl Glotfelty, English professor and University Arboretum Board chair. "They are a valuable resource for all ages and for the entire community. We hope to put the University District Museums on people's radar and encourage people to visit our museums all year." [N](#)



# Don't miss these things to see and do in the University District Museums



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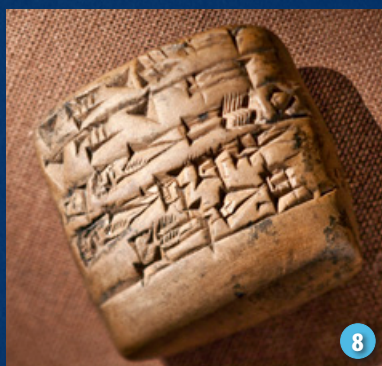
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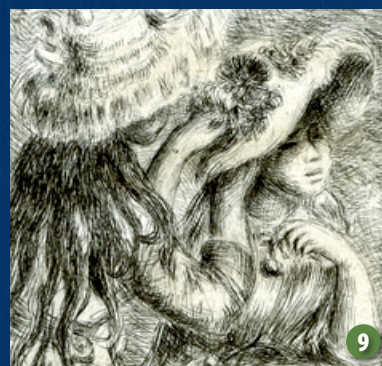
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**1** The shell of the Dome Theater at Fleischmann Planetarium is a model of the sun that forms the center of a scale Solar System that stretches all the way to Carson City, with planetary destinations across the University campus.

**2** Hand-set metal and wood type for letterpress printing at the Black Rock Press

**3** A mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) skull can be seen at the Museum of Natural History.

**4** The Nuremberg Chronicle, a history of the

world beginning in Biblical times, is the earliest and most lavishly illustrated books produced after Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press. You can see one of the 400 surviving copies at University Special Collections.

**5** The W.M. Keck Museum is home to 250 million-year-old Ichthyosaur fossils.

**6** The 1,250 piece Mackay Silver Collection is on display at the W.M. Keck Museum.

**7** Ten of Dat So La Lee's baskets are on display

at the Wilbur D. May Museum.

**8** A five thousand-year-old clay Sumerian tablet, which is a receipt for a boat in the cuneiform script, is held at University Special Collections.

**9** An original etching of Pierre August Renoir's *Le Chapeau Epingle*, c. 1894, is held at University Galleries.

**10** Touch a one-ton monster meteorite found near Tonopah nearly 100 years ago at the

Fleischmann Planetarium.

**11** Historical plant collection dating back to the 1800s is meticulously stored at the Museum of Natural History.

**12** A pickaxe contorted by underground pressure is on display at the W.M. Keck Museum.

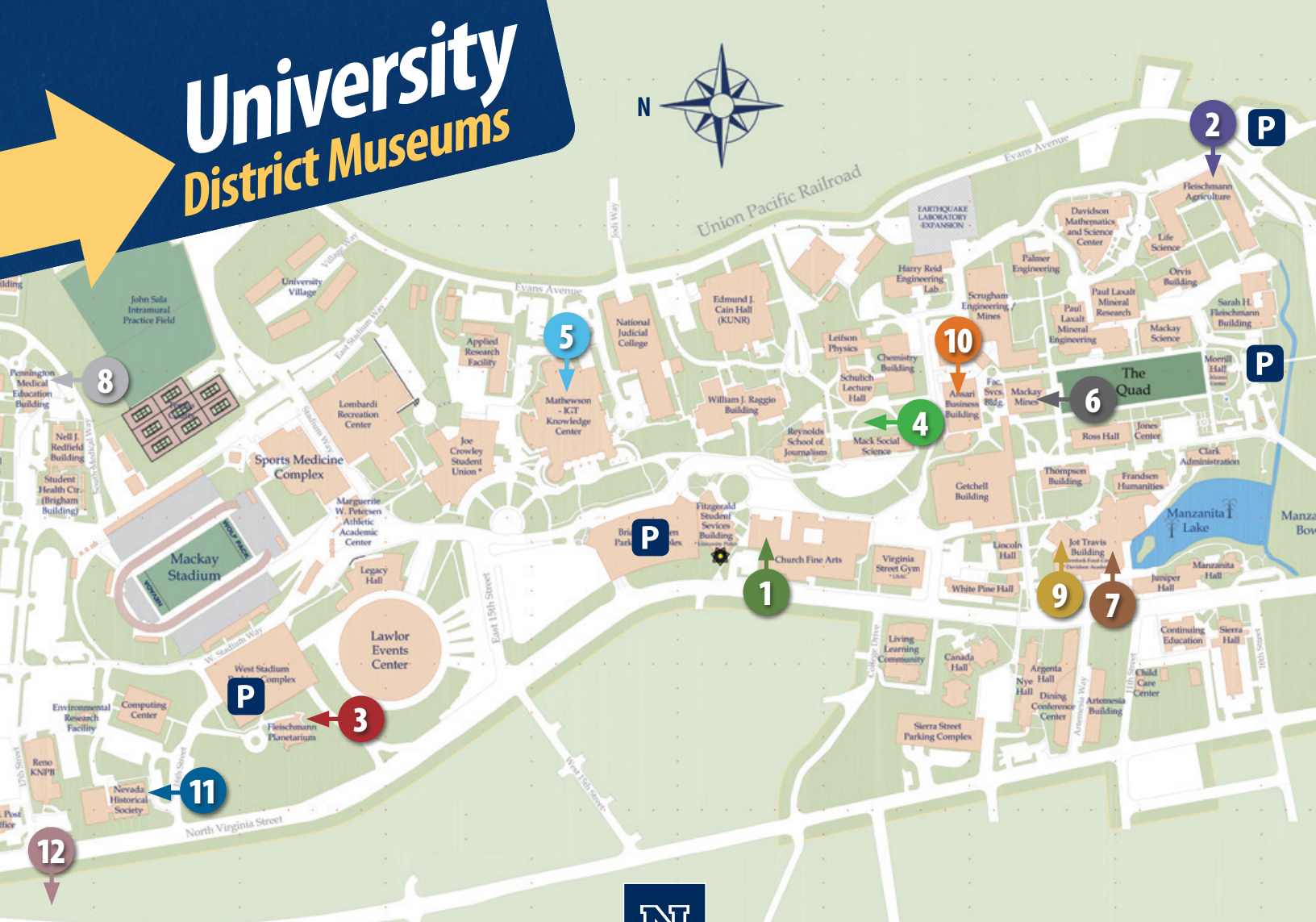
**13** Hold live bugs and see extreme insects at the Museum of Natural History.

**14** Extraordinary books by artist Julie Chen are on display at University Special Collections.

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# University District Museums



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## University Galleries

Collecting, conserving and exhibiting art through traveling and permanent collections.

**HOURS:** Sheppard Contemporary by appointment only; Student Galleries South 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. - Fri. or by appointment. Call (775) 784-6682.

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## Museum of Natural History

Research and teaching collections of plants, local and tropical insects, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

**HOURS:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Call (775) 784-1105.

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## Fleischmann Planetarium

A 60-seat immersive digital star theater, a hands-on exhibit hall and a store showcasing cutting-edge discoveries.

**HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun. - Thurs., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. holidays. Call (775) 784-4811.

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## University of Nevada, Reno Arboretum

A living collection of plants, trees, shrubs, glowers, ornamentals and native flora.

**HOURS:** Always open.

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## Special Collections and University Archives

Preserving and providing access to rare items and important subject collections.

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## Welcome Week

Wolf Pack Welcome Week kicked off with Dorm Storm Aug. 20 and included the candlelit Opening Ceremony, college welcome events, and the annual Welcome Barbecue for two full weeks of events to kick start the Nevada experience.

**(1)** Students from the Nevada Student Ambassadors recruit at GO Fest Aug. 21.

**(2)** Freshmen participate in the annual tradition of painting the N on Peavine Aug. 23.

**(3)** Wolfie Jr. welcomes Rebecca Humphreys (left) and Stephanie Garrison to their Nye Hall dorm during the 2015 Dorm Storm move-in day Aug. 20. At left is Stephanie's mom, Laura.

**(4)** Greek life organizers on stage during GO Fest's glow stick party Aug. 21.

**(5)** New freshmen enjoy a bite to eat at the annual Welcome Barbecue Aug. 21.

**(6)** Students pose with their canine friends at the annual Dog Fest in front of the Joe Crowley Student Union Aug. 29.

**(7)** New freshmen participate in the welcome ceremony Aug. 21.

**(8)** Waka Flocka and Sage the Gemini performed for the Nevada students only Welcome Week Concert.

**(9)** ASUN President Caden Fabbri with Director of Athletics Doug Knuth during the annual Wolf it Down Pancake feed on the Quad Aug. 26.

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## Honor Court

The 2015 Honor Court Celebration, hosted by University of Nevada President Marc Johnson and the Foundation Board of Trustees, was held June 18 and recognized 58 new inductees who joined some 1,700 honorees already engraved on the granite pillars of the Honor Court. Guest speakers included Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Mary Simmons '78, President Johnson, 2015 Foundation Professor James Kenyon, 2015 Senior Scholar Brian Barnes '15 and Vice President of Development and

Alumni Relations John Carothers.

**(1)** Dedicated in 1997, the Honor Court is a permanent tribute to the many faculty, staff, alumni and friends who are committed to the success of the University.

**(2)** Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, 2015 Foundation Professor James Kenyon, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Chair Mary Simmons '78, 2015 Senior Scholar Brian Barnes '15, and University President Marc Johnson.

**(3)** Spike Wilson, faculty emeritus Ginnie Kersey, Cathy Cobb and Janice Pine '62.

**(4)** Distinguished Nevadan Eddie Scott with his family and friends.

**(5)** University of Nevada Foundation Trustee Sara Lafrance '73 (center) with University Vice President for Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam (right) and Seema Gautam.

**(6)** Evan Gadda '97 and Francine Mannix '58.

**(7)** Silver Benefactors Eleanor and Robert Dickenson with Kelley Starle '10.

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## Peavine Hall Opening

The University's newest residence hall, Peavine Hall, opened for public viewing at a reception Aug. 13. The five-story hall features suite-style living, a bicycle storage room, energy- and water-efficient systems and LED lighting. The building was also made with recycled materials, including historic bricks taken from a bungalow on North Sierra Street. See story on page 23.

(1) Visitors to the reception toured the new building.

(2) Vice President of Student Services Shannon Ellis.

(3) A large crowd packed awaited opening remarks.

(4) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers greets visitors to the new building.

(5) Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S. with University President Marc Johnson.

## Nell J. Redfield Student Health Center Opening

University leadership, Nell J. Redfield Foundation trustees and Student Health Clinic staff gathered July 8 to celebrate the newly renovated Student

Health Clinic. Renovations were made possible by the generous support of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation.

(6) Cathy Endo '93 M.D., Laura Dunn-Sparks, Melissa Parrott '02, Pru Forthun, and Tiffany Yohey.

(7) University President Marc Johnson with Nell J. Redfield Foundation Trustees Jeane Jones and Jerry Smith (far left) and School of Medicine Associate Professor Cheryl Hug English '78, '82 M.D.

(8) Todd Fountain '75, '81 M.D., ASUN President Caden Fabbri and School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk.





*Donated cadavers in the Advanced Surgical Training Lab are used to hone physician skills on new technologies and procedures.*

## Converted lab helps train local physicians

The School of Medicine recently welcomed a new facility, the Advanced Surgical Training Lab, which was converted from the old David Melarkey Anatomy Lab on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.

With generous help from the William N. Pennington Foundation, the new training lab allows local surgeons to practice new procedures and technology on donated cadavers.

Carl Sievert, professor of physiology and cell

biology and head anatomy instructor at the medical school, spearheaded the conversion of the surgical training lab, which is designed to hold three surgical stations, but can easily expand to allow up to six.

"I have been extremely impressed with the quality of the lab. During my surgical training sessions, we had access to surgical assistants as well as radiographic fluoroscopy, just as we have in the actual operating room," explained

Mike Kalisvaart, a local orthopedic surgeon.

With its convenient location in northern Nevada, the Advanced Surgical Training Lab allows for doctors to come in on their own time to practice procedures, rather than having to travel to the next closest one at the University of California, Davis.

"This lab allows doctors to obtain the training they want that they otherwise may not have received," explained Sievert.

Obstetrician-gynecologist Elizabeth Hutson agrees with Sievert. "I live and work in Reno, so having this right here is so convenient and allows me to participate in educational and teaching opportunities that I would otherwise not be able to have due to the need to travel and time away from work and home."

The lab has been well received in the local medical community. "The location of the lab is outstanding. It places us in the midst of a thriving educational institution, and it is convenient with easy access to the major hospitals," said bariatric surgeon Kent Sasse.

Sievert allows a number of medical students to participate in the training sessions in the lab, creating an atmosphere where professionals, students and administrators can train to provide the best health care to the community.

The training lab is currently running two labs a month with the hope of getting a sponsorship to become a robotic surgical training center in the future.

To inquire more information on the advanced surgical training lab, contact lab manager Patricia Elder at [pelder@unr.edu](mailto:pelder@unr.edu).

—David O. Perez '15

## Anatomical Donation Program

The cadavers used in the training lab are from the School of Medicine's Anatomical Donation Program (ADP), which allows people to donate their bodies to medical teaching and scientific research. The ADP is a statewide program that accepts donations from all over Nevada and portions of northern California.

"We keep most northern Nevada donor remains at the School of Medicine for medical education and research, and we also transfer some cadavers to the University's biology department, Truckee Meadows Community College and Western Nevada College for student education. Donors from southern Nevada are distributed to southern NSHE institutions," explained Joyce King, ADP administrator. For more information on the anatomical donation program, contact Joyce King '02 at [jaking@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:jaking@medicine.nevada.edu).





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*Founding director of the newly-established Office for Community Faculty, April Heiselt, on the Renown Regional Medical Center campus.*

## Office for Community Faculty

Another block has been set upon the foundation building toward a four-year medical school in Reno as the School of Medicine welcomes April Heiselt, the founding director of

*Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine.*

the newly-established Office for Community Faculty.

The primary role of the Office for Community Faculty and its director is to enhance relationships with

community partners while continuously seeking out new relationships within the health care community, all with the goal of enhancing educational experiences.

"The School of Medicine has always relied on the talents and generosity of community physicians and other clinicians. As we move into a new phase of a four-year campus, we are taking our commitment to the community up a notch and launching this office to better meet the needs of our community faculty," said Melissa Piasecki, executive associate dean for the School of Medicine and head of the Office of Academic Affairs, under which the Office for Community Faculty resides.

"The Office for Community Faculty will seek to enhance and support the way communities are including learners in their practice of medicine. My role includes building relationships with community faculty, department heads, rural physicians and preceptors to ensure that their voices are heard throughout the process. This is a team effort to better address the health care needs of Nevadans," Heiselt said. "We have an outstanding team and I am looking forward to working together to accomplish our goals."

The Office for Community Faculty and

Heiselt serve as the primary contacts for community faculty members for the partnership between an individual physician or a group practice and the School of Medicine and act as

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—Melissa Piasecki, M.D., executive associate dean for the School of Medicine and head of the Office of Academic Affairs

a steward to maintain the relationship.

Thanks to the generosity of Renown Health and highlighting the recently signed partnership agreement between the University of Nevada and Renown Health, the Office for

Community Faculty will open at the Renown Regional Medical Center campus in the Sierra Tower later this fall.

Max Coppes, Renown Health executive vice president and chief medical and academic officer, provides his perspective.

"This is another great example of the many ways Renown and the School of Medicine can work together to ultimately increase the number of physicians that will choose northern Nevada as their home. By providing medical students with memorable educational experiences, we greatly increase the likelihood that they will choose to stay here after they finish their medical training. This new space will become Renown Health's focal point for medical education."

"The office will serve all community faculty throughout northern Nevada from its location in Renown," explained Piasecki. She went on to describe Heiselt's role as akin to museum curator, by "curating the precious resource that is our community faculty."

"April brings many years of experience from Mississippi State University in successfully developing the relationships between the university and community faculty. Her enthusiasm and creativity shine when she describes the potential impact of community faculty on our students and residents. Her combination of academic expertise and community-based experience will be a great boost to our new office," Piasecki said.

Heiselt has a doctorate in philosophy in educational leadership and policy with an emphasis in higher education from the University of Utah. She recently served as director of the Center for the Advancement of Service-Learning Excellence at Mississippi State University.

She also served as associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology at Mississippi State and faculty advisor for the Maroon Volunteer Center that planned and coordinated community service events for the university.

Please contact April at [aheiselt@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:aheiselt@medicine.nevada.edu) for more information.





## Cooperative Extension assists Nevadans in food deserts

More than 150,000 rural and urban Nevadans live in low-income food deserts, where healthy food such as fruits and vegetables are scarce. This often results in diets high in sugar, fats and sodium—and consequently—increased rates of various diseases and conditions. Here are two examples of how Cooperative Extension is addressing these issues by providing educational programs and ways to help the community grow their own nutritious foods.

### Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program: The Hoop House Project

The Hoop House Project began in 2012 to address the lack of nutritious foods available in many northern Nevada tribal communities. The program, led by Cooperative Extension's

Tribal Coordinator Randy Emm, Hoop House Coordinator Reggie Premo and Community-Based Educator Victor Williams, helps construct hoop houses and provides training on how to use them to grow food. Besides providing food, the project provides opportunities for social interactions and growing traditional Native American food. Since 2012, the program has provided 30 hoop houses and training at 10 reservations. Program partners include Barrick Gold Corporation, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Strike Force Initiative, tribal volunteers, schools and local agencies on the reservations.

“We knew what we wanted, but we weren't



*Veggies for Kids Instructor Judy Halterman plants vegetables in a hoop house with kindergarteners and first-graders at Yerington Elementary School.*

quite sure we could accomplish it. But with the help of the hoop house people, it came together. We are so excited because we did grow things. That was our expectation – to get enough to help the community out,” said Cherry Knight, environmental specialist for the South Fork tribe.

## Veggies for Kids

Veggies for Kids encourages kindergarteners to third-graders in low-income rural Nevada communities to increase their physi-

cal activity and consumption of fruits and vegetables by providing a garden, hoop house and hands-on gardening activities at their schools. Extension Educator and Program Director Staci Emm '96 (journalism) helped establish the program in 2000 at three schools on reservations to help Native American children. The program now also includes three schools targeting Hispanic students, and has a cultural component with classes taught in Paiute or Spanish and exposure to Native American or Hispanic foods. Program partners include the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education, and Natural Resource Conservation Services; and Owyhee, Natchez, Schurz, Hawthorne, Yerington and Smith Valley Elementary Schools. 

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—Cherry Knight, environmental specialist for the South Fork tribe

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Construction continues on the William N. Pennington Achievement Center. The center, which received a lead gift from the William N. Pennington Foundation, is scheduled for completion in early 2016.

## Pennington Foundation continues strong support of Nevada

For the past 25 years, the William N. Pennington Foundation has provided philanthropic support for the University of Nevada, Reno students, programs and infrastructure.

Established by the late William Pennington '08 (honorary degree), gam-

ing pioneer and co-founder of Circus Circus Enterprises, the Pennington Foundation has made lead gifts to the William N. Pennington Achievement Center, the Pennington Medical Education Building and the Pennington Health Sciences Building. The Pennington Foundation has also funded scholarships at the University since 1995 and provided support for the School of Medicine's speech-language pathology and audiology department for more

than a decade.

Most recently, the Pennington Foundation provided a major gift to the University in support of the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, a 108,000 square-foot facility that will nearly double the space dedicated to fitness and recreation at the University. The projected opening date is early 2017.

The Pennington Foundation also made a gift to support the Dean's Future Scholars, a College of Education academic outreach program that aims to increase the numbers of low-income, first generation students graduating from high school and gaining access to higher education.

To learn more about supporting student success at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or [kweil@unr.edu](mailto:kweil@unr.edu).

## William Chaffin creates ROTC scholarship endowment

Former ASUN President and Sigma Nu member William A. Chaffin Jr. '66 (political science) credits the University ROTC program and the U.S. Army for shaping the person he is today.

In tribute to the University and military program that led him toward personal and professional success, Chaffin established the William A. Chaffin Jr. ROTC "Quarter Horse" Scholarship Endowment to benefit Nevada undergraduates participating in the ROTC Program, Wolf Pack Battalion.

"I make this endowment in tribute to those who have served, serve now, and will serve in the future," Chaffin says. "The University of Nevada and the military program led me to personal and professional success. It is payback time. If my Quarter Horse Scholarship provides the impetus for just one more second lieutenant

to graduate, we will have made a start."

After graduating from Nevada, Chaffin served in the U.S. Army for three years, advancing in rank to captain. He saw combat in Vietnam, including the TET Offensive of 1968.

He is honored to have served as an armored cavalry platoon leader with the 1st Squadron of the 4th United States Cavalry, then and now a part of the 1st Infantry Division. The Cavalry Squadron was and is widely known as the "Quarter Horse." Chaffin was awarded two Bronze Star Medals—one with a "V" device for valor—and the Purple Heart.

After the Army, Chaffin earned his law degree from McGeorge School of Law in 1976. He then worked primarily as a civil trial attorney in the Sacramento area until his retirement in 2012.

Chaffin is past president of the Sacramento



Photo by Stuart Golder

William Chaffin '66 and Master Sergeant Christopher Little, senior military instructor.

Alumni Chapter, a University Foundation trustee emeritus, a 2008 Nevada Alumni Association Service Award honoree and a 2014 Outstanding College of Liberal Arts Alumnus. Chaffin has been married to Lorena L. Moody-Chaffin since 1974. Their son, Paul, is a 2006 Nevada graduate with a degree in speech communications.

To learn more about supporting the Wolf Pack ROTC Battalion, please contact Stuart Golder '91, '97 M.A., director of development, at (775) 784-1222 or [sgolder@unr.edu](mailto:sgolder@unr.edu).



## Mikawa planned gift to help future psychology students

In honor of her late husband and their commitment to the students of the University of Nevada, Reno, the late Lois Merritt Mikawa '80 M.Ed., '87 Ed.D. designated the University as a beneficiary of her retirement account to establish the James K. and Lois Merritt Mikawa Distinguished Professorship in Clinical Psychology.

Lois retired from the Washoe County School District in 2000 after 23 years working as a special education teacher, school counselor and school psychologist. During this time, she also taught various classes in the counseling department at the University and was able to mentor many students seeking to find careers in the counseling field.

In 1995, she was honored as School Psychologist of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Psychologists. In 2005, she was awarded the Paul McReynolds Foundation Psychological Services Award for her

outstanding services to the ethnic minority doctoral students in the University's clinical psychology program.

During his 27-year tenure at the University, Jim served as director of the Clinical Psychology Training Program, director of the Psychological Service Center and chair of the Department of Psychology. After being diagnosed with an inoperable cancer in 1993, he directed that upon his death \$10,000 should be endowed to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation for the purpose of establishing an ethnic minority fund for graduate students in clinical psychology.

In the community, Jim was nationally recognized for his research on suicide prevention. He was one of the founders of Reno's Crisis Call Center and was a psychological consultant to Washoe County Sheriff's Hostage Team. At the time of his death, Jim was actively involved in research on AIDS and had established an



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*The late Lois Merritt Mikawa '80 M.Ed., '87 Ed.D. established a professorship through a planned gift to the University.*

AIDS Outreach Program through the Northern Nevada Hispanic Services.

To learn more about planned giving opportunities at Nevada, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu. To learn more about the Department of Psychology, please contact Stuart Golder, '91, '97 M.A., director of development for the College of Liberal Arts, (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

## Redfield Foundation salutes National Merit Scholars

Recipients of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars were honored at a Morrill Hall reception Sept. 8.

The Redfield Foundation established the scholarship program at the University in 2010 with a commitment to sponsor 20 National Merit Scholars, the University's most prestigious scholarship. Each Redfield Scholar receives \$15,000 per year for four years. The Redfield Foundation is a longtime champion of the University and has provided substantial support for the under-construction William N. Pennington Achievement Center, the Act One renovation project for the School of the Arts, the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium in the



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*Standing: Redfield scholar Tim Grunert, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, scholars Valerie Prober, Shay Daylami and Nicholas Andrew, Redfield Foundation Trustees Jerry Smith and Jeane Jones, President Marc Johnson, Provost Kevin Carman, scholars Elizabeth Phillips, Anna Miller, Matt Biondi, Andy Shao, Bailey Watkins and Anthony Graver. Seated: Redfield scholars Marissa Crook, Juliana Bogert, Brittany Blair and Katie Mills.*

Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the School of Medicine and the Redfield Campus, along with numerous other projects on campus.

To learn more about supporting National

Merit Scholars at the University, please contact Lynda Buhlig, assistant vice president of Development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.





*Tamzen Stringham, the Donna Anderson endowed professor in grazing and rangeland management, is a nationally recognized expert in rangeland and riparian ecology. She is seen here taking a break in the shade while cataloging the soils, elevation, aspect/slope, plant composition, plant productivity and climate in the Blue Mass Scenic Area east of Ely.*

managers make the best decisions they can based on current knowledge, and then we look to see if it worked, or if it is a disaster. We quantify these things.”

Stringham puts about 25,000 miles on her Ford pickup truck in about three months’ time, crisscrossing the state to visit hundreds of ecological sites as she and her team catalog site characteristics and responses to various disturbances and management choices so they can prepare state-and-transition models (STMs).

“You can’t say one thing caused the expansion of pinyon/juniper into rangelands,” she said. “There are multiple drivers: livestock grazing at settlement, fine fuel reduction, fire suppression and climate change. Fire was a natural driver to keep juniper and pinyon in the high rocky places.

“With all the drivers there is absolutely a lot of tree expansion, changing the habitat for sage grouse, plus I’ve been told there have been large reductions in jays and other birds that rely on sagebrush or open woodland systems. The heavy canopy is now a harsh environment for those birds. These birds, and the sage grouse especially, are indicator species for the ecosystems throughout Nevada.”

Her multi-agency team catalogs the soils, elevation, aspect/slope, plant composition, plant productivity and climate at each site. They record disturbances over time, anything from forest or range fires, to grazing impacts and to other man-caused disturbances, including management history. In the last four years they have recorded 586 locations in the state.

“Nevada is far ahead of the rest of the nation in developing state-and-transition models; most other states are using us as a template,” Stringham said. “STMs for northern Nevada will be done by 2017.”

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

## Sage grouse habitat research and a 71.5 million acre lab

Nearly 44 million acres of Nevada rangelands have been invaded by pinyon pines and juniper trees in the past 150 years, reducing valuable habitat for range animals, including the greater sage grouse, which is a candidate for listing as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

In an effort designed to help the stewards of Nevada’s lands make informed decisions, Tamzen Stringham, the Donna Anderson endowed professor in grazing and rangeland

management and nationally recognized rangeland ecologist, travels the open spaces of the state’s 71.5 million acres to catalog and study the rangeland ecosystems. Some of those decisions could be about the habitat for sage grouse, but also pygmy rabbits and other animals that rely on rangelands to survive.

“How we manage these lands to make the birds and other wildlife habitat resistant and resilient to environmental or management impacts is the ultimate goal,” she said. “Land

Photo courtesy of Tamzen Stringham





Photo by Robbie Aker

Opened Aug. 2015, Peavine Hall tops 117,000 square feet and is accommodating 600 mostly freshman students this year in suite-style rooms of three students each. As additional residence hall capacity is created in the coming years, plans call for Peavine Hall to serve approximately 400 students.

## Peavine Hall expands on-campus housing

On-campus living is growing in popularity and numbers. To meet growing demand, the University opened Peavine Hall – predicted to be the University’s first LEED Gold certified building – in August.

The fall 2015 freshman class, one of the most diverse classes in the University’s history, includes a continued strong representation of Nevada students with a notable increase in students from Clark County as well as from out of state, primarily California.

“The University is attracting top student scholars from throughout Nevada and the west,” Vice President of Student Services Shannon Ellis said. “Freshmen know the added

value of living on campus, and we are working very hard to accommodate them.”

On-campus housing at the University is at 120 percent of capacity for the 2015-2016 academic year.

“It is highly competitive and the earlier students commit to Nevada the better,” Ellis said.

Along with the opening of Peavine Hall, additional plans are in the works to accommodate the growing needs for on-campus housing at the University. At the end of the 2015 fall semester, White Pine Hall, with capacity for 160-students, will close to make way for a new, larger facility expected to open in 2017. The next new hall is anticipated to house 400

students, primarily freshmen and all STEM majors. The removal of White Pine Hall is anticipated to take place in early 2016.

In keeping with the University’s mission to provide a healthy, safe and supportive environment, Peavine Hall residents are expected to participate in a wellness challenge, a self-directed journey towards each individual’s own idea of wellness. As part of the Peavine Wellness Community, residents will have access to programs and activities to help them achieve their wellness goals.

Construction began in spring 2014, and more than 760 individuals working in the construction trades had a hand in building the hall.

—Kathie Taylor ’11



Photo courtesy of KUNR

KUNR’s Danna O’Connor records the talents of eight-year-old Trevyn Gray during the station’s Tykes and Mics event, Aug. 5.

ciated Press Television-Radio Association for excellent storytelling in their audio narratives.

News Director Michelle Bliss won for best use of sound in a feature story on how horse therapy can help adults with depression and anxiety. She also won the award for sports writing for her profile of a snowboarder on his road to recovery from a traumatic brain injury. Will Stone, a former KUNR reporter now working at KJZZ-FM in Phoenix, won the award for best use of sound in a hard news story for his reporting on Lake Tahoe’s declining clarity.

“Telling stories through sound, having audio scenes to open up our stories and move us through the narrative – that’s what radio should be,” Bliss said.

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## KUNR wins awards for excellence in broadcast journalism

Catching the audience’s attention is key when it comes to journalism, and holding their attention throughout the story is tough – espe-

cially when there is no visual involved.

Reporters at KUNR, Reno Public Radio, did just that and won three awards from the Asso-

—Jena Valenzuela





Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

*The University's combined Earthquake Engineering Laboratory (left) and Large-Scale Structures Laboratory are poised to become the world's leader in large-scale seismic experimentation.*

at this scale. Results from smaller boxes don't translate into the real world as well as experiments at the scale we will be using."

The University's Earthquake Engineering Laboratory, opened in 2014, combined with the Large-Scale Structures Laboratory, comprise the biggest, most versatile large-scale structures, earthquake/seismic engineering facility in the United States, according to National Institute of Standards and Technology. The addition of the fifth shake table will make the University's earthquake engineering facility the most advanced of its kind in the world, with the largest collection of high performance shake tables than any other laboratory.

"Federal grants such as this allow us to stay at the forefront of technological advancements and provide important information to the engineering industry, government agencies and others to build more seismically resilient structures," Marc Johnson, University president, said.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

## Nuclear facility studies coming to world-renowned earthquake engineering facility

The seismic safety of nuclear facilities and systems will be examined in a new multi-year, multi-million dollar, federally funded project to study the influence of soil on building behavior during earthquakes. The University's world-renowned structural engineering laboratories are at the center of the project that will first construct one of the world's largest soil box/shake table systems, and then use it to

investigate soil-structure interaction at a scale not previously possible.

"This grant will allow us to build a new, even larger, shake table than the ones we have in our earthquake engineering lab, as well as one of the world's largest soil boxes," Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering, said. "This will be a huge box, holding about 500 tons of soil. It will be unique in the world

## Fundraising support strikes up the band

The 180-member Wolf Pack Marching Band last season was the largest in school history, and the Pride of the Sierra is set to grow even more and has reached 201 members this fall.

A three-year fundraising campaign, which ended in June, provided the marching band with a gift of \$105,000 from Greater Nevada Credit Union and generated an additional nearly \$80,000 in matching funds. Following the success of that campaign, Greater Nevada Credit Union has renewed its commitment and will again support the band by pledging \$20,000 per year for the next three years. The credit union will continue a matching gift program, too, and will increase their contribution from \$15,000 to \$25,000 annually.

"The growth and development of the Wolf

Pack Marching Band in the last few years would not have been possible without the support of Greater Nevada Credit Union," Will Plenk, director of marching, pep and symphonic bands, said.

The partnership with Greater Nevada Credit Union will remain an essential component to fulfilling the marching band's mission of providing positive, educational and musical experiences for students, while generating high levels of excitement and spirit at every event they attend.

"When the members of the band see that they are valued by their community, it becomes much easier to send that energy back in a performance setting," Plenk said.

—Natalie Savidge '04

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To support the marching band visit [unr.edu/band/give](http://unr.edu/band/give).



Photo provided by Wolf Pack Marching Band

*Gifts and donations through the Greater Nevada Credit Union, the University Foundation and the community have funded new instruments, uniforms and more travel with athletics teams for the University Marching Band.*





Director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Jim Faulds talks about mapping geothermal resources with students.

## Forging geothermal resources through research

University researchers are poised to play a key role in a project that holds the potential to unlock massive new resources of power generated from geothermal sources.

The project is dubbed FORGE – short for Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy – and seeks to dramatically widen the number of potential locations where power could be produced from geothermal resources.

University professors Jim Faulds and Wendy Calvin, among the world's leaders in the understanding of geothermal systems, are providing their expertise to the project. They will prepare geologic modeling of two potential FORGE sites – one near Fallon and a second near Coso, Calif. This geologic modeling is critically important to the feasibility study to determine where best to establish the the

FORGE project, Faulds, director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, explained.

The establishment of FORGE will provide the geothermal community with a field laboratory where the science and engineering needed for further commercialization of enhanced geothermal systems (EGS), can be developed and refined.

Traditionally, geothermal power plants have been built at locations where they could tap into a naturally occurring source of steam heated under the earth's surface. After the hot water is used to generate power, it is re-injected back into the earth and re-heated to be used again and again.

The FORGE project, however, seeks to develop enhanced geothermal technology for use at locations where heat is available but water

doesn't naturally flow through the underground rock. Those locations are widespread through the Great Basin.

"The potential is enormous," Faulds said. The Department of Energy, which is funding the FORGE program, estimates that enhanced geothermal systems could power 100 million homes in America with clean and renewable energy.

The two FORGE projects in which the University was selected to participate are among five sites under analysis that will share \$2 million in Department of Energy funding.

–John Seelmeyer



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*The 2015 Mandela Washington Fellows enjoy a night on the town in Reno.*

## University hosted Mandela Washington Fellows collaborate with local business leaders

The University, in partnership with the Northern Nevada International Center, welcomed 25 Mandela Washington Fellows in June as part of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative, a six-week academic and leadership institute in business and entrepreneurship.

The fellowship provided insights into American culture, business and legislation

through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, service work, tours of area businesses and entrepreneurial workshops.

This cohort of Mandela Washington Fellows representing 17 of Africa's 49 countries was part of a larger group of 500 fellows selected from a pool of 50,000 applicants hosted by 20 universities across the United States. Following

engagements with their respective universities, the fellows gathered in Washington, D.C., for a Presidential Summit with President Obama.

Seven fellows from the Reno cohort were each awarded \$25,000 grants by the United States African Development Fund to fund business plans developed while in Reno, the largest number of recipients from any host institution.

"The Mandela Washington Fellows used the opportunity to develop their ideas through local contacts and academic curriculum," Dave Croasdel, the Charles and Ruth Hop-ping endowed professor of entrepreneurship and chairman of information systems in the College of Business, said. "These awards are validation of the collaboration, mentorships and partnerships this community shared with these African business leaders."

*—Kathie Taylor '11*

## Students in the top half of one percent recognized at Signing Days

For seven years, the University has partnered with Nevada high schools in Nevada Scholars Signing Days. These ceremonies are reminiscent of high school athletes' "signing days," but with a twist: the events celebrate the decision of many of Nevada's best-and-brightest scholars to pursue their college degree in their home state.

Seven events were held across the state last spring for National Merit Scholarship finalists, and Presidential Scholars at the same school, who will attend the University this fall.

Scholarships awarded through National Merit programs are regarded as some of the highest academic honors attainable by U.S. high school students. Each year, about 1.5 million students enter the National Merit competition by taking the PSAT. About 15,000 students become finalists (1 percent) and about

half of those become National Merit Scholars. The Presidential Scholarship is awarded to qualified entering freshman with a minimum 3.5 cumulative high school grade-point average and a minimum score of 31 on the ACT or 1360 on the verbal and math portion of the SAT.

The University was notified of its sponsorship status by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation six years ago. This fall, the University's student body includes about 50 National Merit Scholars and more than 300 Presidential Scholars, the largest number ever enrolled at Nevada.

*—Natalie Savidge '04*

### LOOK ONLINE

For more information about scholarships at the University, visit [unr.edu/financial-aid](http://unr.edu/financial-aid).



Photo by John Byrne

*Presidential Scholar Logan Carlson signs a letter of intent during a Nevada Scholars Signing Day at Reno's Wooster High School as Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman stands by.*





Photo by Jenna Valenzuela

Face painting and pictures with Wolfie Jr. were part of the fun during the Artown 2015 kick-off in downtown Reno. Members of the Pride of the Sierra Marching Band and Nevada Cheer led the MarchFourth! parade, July 1.

## Part of the Artown fabric for 20 years

In the summer of 1996, University Professor of Art Howard Rosenberg and others involved with the City 2000 Reno Arts Commission were “bantering back and forth” when the idea to start an arts festival came forth. “It would show what we have locally in the arts; not just the visual arts, but all the arts including performance,” Rosenberg said.

Planning progressed from that point, and the energy and enthusiasm grew. Area artists, University faculty and many others came forward with ideas and artistic contributions, and the festival’s first schedule of events came together.

“People wanted to see it work,” Rosenberg said. “Everyone involved donated time. It’s the way a city should work, and it did work. It brought people into downtown.”

The Artown tradition has continued each July for the past 20 years and has left a positive and indelible imprint on the city.

Artown 2015 kicked off with a parade led by Wolf Pack mascots and members of the marching band and cheer squad. University-hosted and involved activities on the Artown schedule included three exhibits, “The Politics of Holocaust Memory, ‘I Am My Brother’s Keeper’” from the Yad Vashem Museum (see page 5), and “Reflections on Pyramid Lake” by the University’s Special Collections. The University-hosted Meet Africa! Entrepreneurs and Change Makers event featured 25 young African leaders in the Mandela Washington Fellowship, a six-week academic and leadership institute hosted by the Northern Nevada International Center in collaboration with the University’s College of Business.

“It’s clear that we are past the tipping point and Reno is fast emerging as a cultural capital for the Great Basin region,” University Galleries Director Paul Baker Prindle said of the Artown tradition. “The power of the arts to grow innovation and creativity is one of the greatest energies available to our region as it moves into a new era of economic growth.”

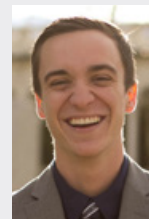
– Jane Tors ’82

## Faces on the Quad



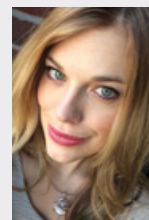
**Crystal Carter** was one of 20 national participants selected to attend the Global Campaign for Education’s Youth Advocacy Training last summer in Washington, D.C. A junior in the University’s College of Education and a member of the University of Nevada Education Association, she eventually wants to work with nonprofits that provide education in other countries. After her summer experience, she plans to hold workshops and create programs to help University students and community members become informed about how they can help give children access to education worldwide.

**Caden Fabbri** was elected 2015-16 president of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. Fabbri has been very active in student government. Last year he served as ASUN’s Speaker of the Senate and previously as senator for the College of Liberal Arts. Fabbri has held leadership positions in many campus organizations, including the Interfraternity Council, the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board, Nevada Up ‘til Dawn and the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is pursuing dual majors in political science and international affairs.



**Cassie Puccinelli ’10** (biology), **’11** (political science) **’15 M.D.**, from the University of Nevada School of Medicine’s class of 2015, was awarded the inaugural Donna Turner Rural Medical Education Award last spring. Puccinelli, who hails from Elko, attended Elko High School and Smith College before graduating from the University with a dual major in biology and political science and a minor in chemistry. In addition to this award, Puccinelli was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in her junior year and the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2013. Puccinelli began her residency training this summer in otolaryngology at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in Minnesota. She hopes to return to Nevada to practice medicine.

**Kylie Rowe ’08** (economics), **’12 M.S.** was elected 2015-16 president of the University’s Graduate Student Association. She is pursuing an MBA, which will be her second master’s degree. She holds a master’s degree in social work from the University as well. Rowe has been very active in campus life and currently serves as assistant director of the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship in The College of Business. She traveled to China this summer to learn more about international business and entrepreneurship. She is a team member of TEDxUniversityofNevada and is also the owner of a real estate investment business with properties located in Reno’s Midtown.







Photos courtesy Wolf Pack Athletics

## Eric Musselman to lead Wolf Pack men's basketball team

For an hour every morning, Eric Musselman does his best to wear out a piece of exercise equipment. At home or on the road, he seeks out a treadmill, bike or elliptical machine. The exercise is for himself, but the hour of reading that also takes place is for the hundreds of friends in the coaching community,

*Chad Hartley '03 is associate athletics director of communications*

the countless former, current or prospective players, and 17,000-plus followers on Twitter. Prior to that daily hour of cardio work, the first-year Wolf Pack men's basketball coach scours the Internet for material, from current events to leadership profiles to achievements in the sports world. He'll check his phone and cull article suggestions from friends and family via emails and texts.

The results? Besides keeping the 50-year-

old coach looking like he can still play some point guard himself, are the little nuggets of wisdom and encouragement that land on his Twitter account and are meant to inspire his players and recruits.

The sources of the quotes or anecdotes are wide-ranging, with recent offerings coming from the likes of Walter Payton, Ralph Waldo Emerson, LeBron James, Matt Damon and this one from Nelson Mandela: "There is no passion to be found playing small—in settling for a life that's less than the one you are capable of living."

Most of these thoughts are out there on social media for the world to see. Some get left purposefully in the locker room or sent directly to just one player, with the thought that one message to one player over the summer might make a difference in one game against one opponent down the road.

"I'm always looking for the little things,

the messages and concepts that are going to build leadership and work ethic, said Musselman, who was introduced March 26 as the 18th head coach in the history of the Nevada program. "The biggest hurdle for any coach is to teach the work ethic that's needed to play at a higher level, to achieve more in the classroom. From high school to junior college to college to the pros – every level that you go up, you have to increase and maximize your potential."

This extra mile from Musselman is part of what has produced a distinguished coaching career that started at the age of 23, when he landed his first head coaching job in the Continental Basketball Association. He has twice been the head coach of NBA teams, first at Golden State and then with the Sacramento Kings. He's coached national teams and recently served as a top assistant at Arizona State and LSU.



*FAR LEFT: University of Nevada President Marc Johnson and Athletics Director Doug Knuth with new Wolf Pack men's basketball coach Eric Musselman at his introductory press conference. LEFT: Musselman is married to Danyelle Sargent Musselman who has worked at ESPN, Fox Sports and on the NFL Network as a broadcaster. Musselman has two sons, Michael (19) and Matthew (15), and the couple has a daughter, Mariah (5). RIGHT: Coach Musselman speaks to his team during practice.*



Now, with more than 500 wins under his belt as a head coach, he's tasked with building upon the winning tradition of the Wolf Pack, which has won five conference titles and advanced to the postseason eight times in the past dozen years.


Musselman has assembled a strong coaching staff and the group hit the recruiting trail hard. What they've found is that the University of Nevada campus sells itself.

"When we get guys on campus, they are so impressed with how great this campus is," Musselman said. They are blown away by it.

And they are impressed with the academic vision that's here. And when you pull up to campus, Lawlor Events Center looks like an NBA arena from the outside. So many places just have a gym. We have a big-time arena."

Reno is not new for the Musselman family—which includes his wife, Danyelle, and their daughter, Mariah, along with sons, Michael and Matthew—as he coached the NBA D-League Reno Bighorns and led the team to their only conference title in franchise history during the 2010-11 season. Since immersing himself on campus and in the

community, however, Musselman has found a "hidden gem."

"Reno has embraced us with so much enthusiasm and there are so many down-to-earth people here," the coach said. "This place is so scenic with the mountains and the ability to pop up to Tahoe and be on the beach and in the water so quickly. You see Wolf Pack everywhere here, clothes and bumper stickers and in the airport. That's a neat thing. This community really embraces the University." 

## Quick hits



### T.J. BRUCE TAKES REIGNS OF PACK BASEBALL TEAM

The new era of Nevada baseball will be shaped by T.J. Bruce, who was named to the post in late June by Athletics Director Doug Knuth.

Bruce comes to Nevada after spending the last 10 years as one of the top assistant coaches in Southern California, first for five years at Long Beach State, and for the last five seasons at UCLA.

"We found a person of great character in T.J., who fits our community and is a great person and family man," Knuth said. "He has an outstanding baseball background and has an incredible recruiting reputation."

Bruce, 33, worked for former Wolf Pack assistant coach and Reno native John Savage '91 (physical education) at UCLA,

where they guided the Bruins to the 2013 College World Series Championship. He takes the helm of a Nevada program that won the school's first Mountain West championship this spring after a 41-15 season.

### FORMER OLYMPIAN TAKES OVER SWIMMING AND DIVING PROGRAM

A two-time Olympian and seven-time All-American, Neil Harper, arrives in Nevada to take over the Wolf Pack swimming and diving program.

A highly regarded coach in collegiate swimming, Harper was the head men's and women's coach for 14 seasons at Florida State, where he posted a .807 winning percentage with the women and won three ACC Coach of the Year honors.

"We are fortunate to have coach Harper join the Wolf Pack family," Knuth said. "His experience and success at all levels of the sport will enhance our program and put the team in a position to compete for conference championships. His coaching success is matched by the quality of his character, and both are impressive. The future is bright for Wolf Pack swimming and diving."

Harper boasts 22 years of collegiate coaching experience and has been massively successful in the Division I ranks. He boasts a combined .777 winning percentage and 174 career wins in 16 years as a women's head coach. Harper guided both men's and women's programs at Florida State from 1999-2013 after beginning his head coaching career at Ohio State from 1997-99.

### GRIMES MOVES INTO RADIO BOOTH

Former Nevada football standout Kevin Grimes '10 (finance) will return to the Wolf Pack this season, joining Ryan Radtke in the radio booth on the Wolf Pack Radio Network. Grimes—a four-year letter winner and member of the 13-win 2010 team—will serve as a color analyst.

"I've been a huge fan of Ryan Radtke and Chris Vargas '95 (finance) for many years and look forward to joining the radio broadcast team," said Grimes, who tallied 179 career tackles at Nevada. "I'm excited for the opportunity to get involved with the Pack and be a voice in the community that I call home."

The Wolf Pack Radio Network—owned and operated by the school's multimedia rights holder, Learfield Sports—will carry every minute of Nevada football this season.





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# ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Ralph Whitworth '82 (political science)

Ralph Whitworth is co-founder, principal and investment committee member of Relational Investors LLC, a privately owned asset management firm based in San Diego, Calif., which has served some of the largest pension funds in the world.

The Winnemucca, Nev. native is considered an expert on corporate governance. Ralph has been invited to present his views before the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Stock Exchange Board and Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

A student leader himself, Ralph established the Ralph Whitworth Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment in 2009. The endowment benefits students involved in The College of Business' scholar leader program, providing a four-year scholarship and the opportunity to further develop leadership skills through participation in student and professional organizations, service projects and internship opportunities.

Ralph has also generously supported the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet.

In 1999, Ralph became chairman of Waste Management in the midst of an accounting crisis. He led a 2,000-person, bottom-up audit of the company's financial statements as well as the recruitment effort to replace the company's management team. *BusinessWeek* recognized Waste Management as one of the five "Most Improved Boards" during his tenure as a board member.

Ralph played a similar role at Apria Healthcare Group. During his tenure as chairman, the board was twice named by *BusinessWeek* as one of the 10 "Best Boards in America" and the "Best Governed Company in North America" by Institutional Shareholder Services. Ralph was named "Director of the Year" in 2004 by the Corporate Directors Forum.

During 2007 and 2008, two of the most challenging years in U.S. banking history, Ralph served as chairman of Sovereign Bancorp's credit and risk committee and its capital committee.

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Ralph was appointed to Hewlett-Packard Company's board in November 2011, where he served as a director. In April 2013, Ralph was appointed chairman of Hewlett-Packard's board. A 2014 *Forbes* magazine article, "Why

Ralph Whitworth May Be America's Best Board Member," discusses Ralph's effectiveness at Hewlett-Packard. "A successful activist investor, he has brought a period of relative calm to HP, and in doing so he has affirmed why he may just be America's best board member."

In 2013, Ralph was named the "Lifetime Achiever" by the International Corporate Governance Network, the highest honor bestowed by the global, investor-led, organization of governance professionals.

He has served on the boards of 11 public companies: Apria Healthcare Group Inc., Genzyme Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Mattel, Inc., Sirius Satellite Radio, Inc., Sovereign Bancorp, Inc., Sprint Nextel Corporation, Tektronix, Inc., United Thermal Corporation, Waste Management, Inc. and Wilshire Technologies, Inc.

Ralph has served on the task force on corporate/investor engagement formed by The Conference Board Governance Center to find actionable solutions for creating an optimal governance system that supports maximizing corporate value. He is also a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's Advisory Council.

In July 2014, after a diagnosis of distant metastatic squamous cell cancer, Ralph took a medical leave of absence from his business activities to focus on his health.

In April 2015, Ralph and his wife Fernanda formed a public charity, Immunotherapy Foundation (IF). IF's initial mission is to find an effective treatment, and ultimately cure, for HPV-related head and neck cancer. Fernanda and Ralph are committed to this cause for as long as it takes.

Ralph earned a Juris doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985. ■

—Christy Jerz '97



# 2015 Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients

## Professional Achievement

### Donato Cabrera '96 (applied music)

Donato Cabrera has been the San Francisco Symphony's resident conductor since 2009 and leads the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra as the Wattis Foundation Music Director. In 2014, Donato was appointed music director of the Las Vegas Philharmonic Orchestra and has been music director of the California Symphony and the New Hampshire Music Festival since 2013. His professional debut was with the Reno Chamber Orchestra in 1997.



### Brian Landrus '02 (applied music)

Brian Landrus is an internationally recognized low woodwind specialist, composer and educator living in Brooklyn, NY. He has released seven albums as a leader with the most recent being "The Deep Below" on BlueLand/Palmetto Records. Landrus has received acclaim from *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many other international publications. Landrus is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers University in music composition, where he is also adjunct faculty.



### Duane Peck '80 (mining engineering)

Duane Peck is currently mine general manager of the Marigold Mining Company gold mine near Valmy, Nev. Duane is a fourth-generation miner and started working in the Nevada mining industry in 1981, before taking foreign assignments in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Armenia and Canada. He is an executive Board member of the Nevada Mining Association, board member of the Frontier Community Coalition and board trustee of the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School.



## University Service

### Jim Kidder

Jim Kidder is associate vice president for planning, budget and analysis emeritus at the University of Nevada and retired in 2001. Jim is a recipient of the 2001 University of Nevada Distinguished Service Award. He has provided the College of Liberal Arts with unwavering support as it continues to add new programs, faculty and space. In addition to serving on its advisory board, Jim has served on boards for the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway, Saint Mary's Foundation, the Reno Chamber Orchestra, the Reno Philharmonic Association, the Reno Jazz Orchestra and Pack PAWS. He played a major role in producing the book "We Were All Athletes," an oral history of women's intercollegiate athletics at Nevada.



### Bill Kottinger '54 (business administration)

Bill Kottinger was senior vice president with both RBC Wealth Management and UBS PaineWebber in Reno. Shortly after graduating from the University, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Bill dedicated over 30 years of service to the University, and is a trustee emeritus of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. In 1975 he was elected president of the Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce, and in 1982 he was named the Raymond I. Smith Civic Leader of the Year by the Greater Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce. Bill also served as vice president of the Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation.



### Robert and Jean Myles

Jean Myles and her late husband, Robert Myles, have a long history of supporting the School of Community Health Sciences, Orvis School of Nursing and the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Their investment of time and gifts has supported generations of students preparing to serve in the health care field. The

Myles' established a living legacy through the creation of the Myles Family Endowed Scholarship for Nursing, the Robert K. Myles Endowed Scholarship Fund for Nurse Practitioners and the Myles Family School of Public Health Scholarship Endowment. Robert taught physical diagnosis as one of the first professors of medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and he also instructed students at the Orvis School of Nursing. In addition to raising four children, Jean has worked with nonprofit community organizations including the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society's and served as a member of the University's College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.



## Outstanding Young Alumni

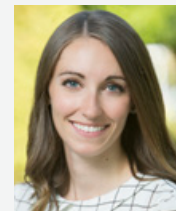
### Kelly Glenn '06 (business administration)

Kelly Glenn is vice president and partner at The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based creative marketing communications firm, and Wide Awake, modern marketing for gaming properties. One of Kelly's career highlights was serving on the public relations team for the United States Printer in Washington D.C. when the 9/11 Commission Report was released, working with media from around the world. She is currently the president of WIN and president-elect for The First Tee of Northern Nevada. Kelly enjoys playing golf, reading, cooking and West Coast Swing dancing.



### Lydia Peri '11 (ecohydrogeology), '15 M.S.

Lydia Peri earned a bachelor's in ecohydrology from the University of Nevada in 2011 and recently earned a dual

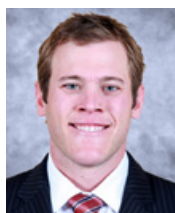




master's in hydrogeology and civil and environmental engineering in 2015. She is an environmental engineer with Washoe County and will sit for the professional engineering exam this fall. Lydia served as co-president of the University's Student Association for International Water Issues Club and vice president of marketing and webmaster for the Nevada Young Alumni Chapter.

### Chris Shanks '08 (finance)

Chris Shanks earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Nevada in 2008, and currently practices commercial real estate with Dickson Commercial Group. He is co-owner of Louis' Basque Corner and The Depot, a craft distillery and brewery located in a 105-year-old train station on Fourth Street.



## Alumni Association Service

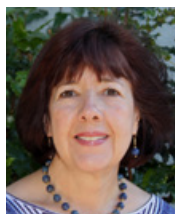
### Jenny Frayer '77 (accounting), '87 MBA

Jenny Frayer is the director of sponsored projects and compliance at Desert Research Institute. She is an emerita faculty of the University of Nevada and has worked for the Nevada System of Higher Education for nearly 32 years. She graduated from the University of Nevada in 1977 with a degree in accounting, and an MBA in 1987. While at the University, Jenny was faculty advisor for Nevada's cycling team.



### Rita Laden '96 Ed.D.

Rita Laden is associate vice president for student life services emerita at the University of Nevada. She continues her work on campus by teaching graduate students in educational leadership. Rita received her doctorate in educational leadership from the



University of Nevada in 1996. She is a past president of the Nevada Alumni Council.

### Lauren Sankovich-Bashista '98 (accounting)

Lauren Sankovich-Bashista is a partner in the audit department of the accounting firm Eide Bailly. Lauren graduated from the University of Nevada in 1998 with a degree in accounting, which has been her passion ever since. Lauren served on the Nevada Alumni Council for six years and is a past Alumni Council president. When she's not at work Lauren is camping and spending time outdoors with her family.



## Silver and Blue Appreciation Award



### The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation

Clarence and Martha Jones believed in hard work, grounded in honesty and respect for others. These key values laid the foundation for lives of service and philanthropy as embodied in their personal motto: "We worked hard so we could share with others." And share they did, constantly looking for opportunities to help others, to build a better community, and of course to improve education and their beloved University of Nevada. Clarence and Martha always believed in making a difference, particularly when it came to education, and their philanthropic support has touched every corner of the University of Nevada campus, from historic preservation and special collections to student services, scholarships and athletics. By establishing a foundation, they ensured that their lives' work would continue. We are hon-

ored to carry on their legacy. Pictured: Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Trustees Charlotte McConnell, NSHE Chancellor Daniel Klaich and Ann Carlson.

## Chapter of the Year



### Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter

The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter brings together former members of the Cheer, Stunt, Dance, Mascot and Pom teams. The chapter provides members with a connection to the University, as well as networking opportunities with each other and the current team. This year the chapter doubled membership, started the first ever Alumni Chapter Professional Mentorship Program, established the base of a scholarship endowment, increased the attendance at flagship events, added new events in Las Vegas, grew the executive board and recruited one hundred percent of seniors into the chapter.

## College and Unit Distinguished Alumni

### College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

### Steven Knapp '78 (agriculture), '80 M.S.

Steven Knapp is director of the Strawberry Breeding Program at the University of California, Davis, where he works with leaders from industry and academia to tackle scientific challenges





# 2015 Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients

in strawberry production, breeding, genetics and genomics. Prior to joining the University of California, Davis, Steve was global director of vegetable breeding technology at Monsanto, where he oversaw an international team focused on research and development of various vegetables.

## College of Education

### Gini Cunningham '74 (French), '99 M.Ed.

Gini Cunningham spent 28 years as a teacher in Nevada, and is now a regional coordinator for professional development where she mentors to new teachers and volunteers in classrooms. Gini is the founder of Energized Learning, an educational consulting company in Winnemucca. She is also the author of the book *The New Teacher's Companion* and writes a monthly newspaper column, often passing along educational tips to parents. All of Gini's three children also attended Nevada. She established a scholarship in the Department of Education in memory of her parents, William and Eleanor Lipscomb, to inspire and support teaching students.



## College of Engineering's James G. Scrugham Medal

### Brian Lent '93 (computer science)

Brian Lent is chief analytics officer at HERE, a global leader in the mapping and location intelligence business, and a subsidiary of Nokia. Brian founded Medio Systems in 2004 and served as its chairman and chief technology officer until its acquisition by HERE/Nokia in 2014. Brian holds patents in the topic of data mining, information retrieval and database systems. While at Stanford University, he cofounded the MIDAS (Mining Data At Stanford) group, the lab that spawned the Google crawler and search engine.



## College of Liberal Arts

### Dolora Zajick '76 (music), '78 M.A.

Dolora Zajick is one of the most acclaimed and respected mezzo soprano singers in the opera world today. She has sung all over the world to critical acclaim and has appeared in opera and in concert with some of the world's foremost conductors. This year, Dolora has chosen the University of Nevada as the location of her institute for Young Dramatic Voices, a three-week summer program dedicated to developing and inspiring young singers with large and dramatic voices.



## College of Science

### John Larue '65 (mathematics)

John Larue spent 30 years working at IBM and later Lockheed Martin where he specialized in real-time programming in assembly language as a commercial applications software engineer. John enjoyed working at the leading edge of technological innovation. John is deeply committed to supporting the College of Science and has established two endowments that support students and faculty in the college. Since his retirement, John and his wife enjoy the opera, traveling and using his season tickets to Navy football.



## Division of Health Sciences

### Karen Ross '90 (general studies), '06 MPH

Karen Ross is community relations manager for NV Energy in northern Nevada, and has been with NV Energy for 30 years. Karen currently serves on many community boards, including Nevada Land Trust, Special Assistance Fund for Energy, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, and she is an advisory board member of the University of Nevada, Reno Division of Community



and Health Sciences, Access to Healthcare Network and High Sierra Industries. She is past president of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, a regional quality of life group, and past chair of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Washoe County. Karen was honored in 2005 as a Truckee Meadows Tomorrow "Sustaining Star" for her efforts in leading and participating in community quality of life initiatives. Also in 2005, the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada honored Karen as a Woman in Leadership, and the Nevada Women's Fund acknowledged her as a Woman of Achievement.

## Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering

### Donald Ranta '67 M.S. (geological engineering)

Donald Ranta is the former chairman, president and CEO of Rare Element Resources, which controls one of the largest, highest-grade and most advanced rare-earths projects in the world. He is an exploration and mine development executive experienced in planning, implementing and directing successful exploration and evaluation programs throughout the world. Donald is also a former president and board member of SME, the world's largest organization of mining professionals.



## School of Medicine

### Philippe Bishop '93 M.D.

Philippe Bishop is senior vice president of hematology and oncology therapeutics at Gilead Sciences, Inc., where he also serves as a member of the Gilead Executive Committee. Prior to joining Gilead Sciences, Inc., Philippe was the vice president of product development and oncology at Genentech. He led efforts at Johnson & Johnson and Sanofi-Aventis to develop cancer therapies, and he also held positions at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and the National Institute of Health.





## The College of Business

### Deane Albright '71 (accounting)

Deane Albright is founding partner of Albright & Associates, Ltd. CPA's and an investor in various Reno businesses: Brasserie St. James, The Saint, Sierra Wellness Connection and Midtown Community Yoga. Deane is a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and a member of the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. He is also a member of EDAWN and the Reno Chamber of Commerce. His community involvement extends even further, as he serves on the board of advisors for the Holland Project and Artown's annual Bartley Ranch summer concert series, as well as the finance committee of the Nevada Museum of Art.



## The Reynolds School of Journalism

### Steve Martarano '79 (journalism)

Steve Martarano is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bay-Delta office in Sacramento, Calif. Steve has worked for both state and federal tax, disaster response and wildlife agencies, where he's addressed many high-profile issues. He spent 10 years working as a reporter for *The Sacramento Union* newspaper and continues to use the journalism skills he first developed at Nevada as a freelance journalist. He has established two journalism-related endowments to benefit students at Nevada.



## University Libraries

### Marian LaVoy '44 (normal school), '71 (English)

Marian LaVoy is a proud Nevadan, born and raised in the Silver State. Marian received her teaching degree from the University's Normal School in 1944, and returned to complete her bachelor's degree in English in 1971. She has been very active with the Friends of the University Libraries, serving on the board for more than 16 years and volunteering in the Book Nook used bookstore. In honor of her late husband, Colonel John LaVoy USMC (ret.), and as her own legacy to the University of Nevada, Marian established an endowment for the benefit of University Special Collections. [N](#)



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## Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

First let me say what a privilege and honor it has been to serve on the Nevada Alumni Council and, more specifically, as council president this past year. The experience has allowed me to reconnect with the University, the student body, faculty and my fellow alums. It has been a very rewarding experience and one that I will never forget.

During my tenure on the council, there have been a number of exciting changes at Nevada both physically and academically, but our board's primary focus has always been alumni engagement. "How we can better connect with our alumni and friends?" is a constant chorus. Often the answer to that question is "let's plan an event." And this fall is no exception.

Our Homecoming schedule kicks off October 22 with the Homecoming Gala. Join us at the Joe Crowley Student Union as we celebrate an incredible slate of award recipients, including Alumnus of the Year Ralph Whitworth '82. Visit page 32 to learn more.

The Third Annual March from the Arch October 23 is a great way to celebrate our community-campus connection. Grab some dinner downtown from one of the nearby food trucks and restaurants, as you watch the Homecoming parade pass by. Then follow the procession up Virginia Street to the Quad for pep rally festivities. A huge thank you is owed to ASUN for their partnership in making this event a success. See page 43 for details.

As the football season began, so did our popular tailgate parties. Two hours before the October 24 Homecoming game – and every home game – you'll find some of my fellow Nevada Alumni Council members at Legacy Hall, ready to welcome hungry fans. Nevada Alumni Association members (there are now more than 2,200 of them listed on pages 48-51!) receive a discount, and the amazing food is a large part of what keeps the tailgates packed on game day.

I've mentioned in past issues that our members receive discounts and benefits every day. But on November 13, Nevada Alumni Association members will get to enjoy the unveiling of Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants at the Discovery Museum before the general public. This free, members-only exhibition features the work of University of Nevada Department of Biology researcher Dr. Zeb Hogan. You'll find additional details on page 25.

When the winter 2016 issue of this magazine hits your mailbox, you'll be greeted by incoming president Nick Butler '02, '06 M.Acc. As my whirlwind year of presidency comes to an end, I'd like to sincerely thank the Nevada Alumni Council for their support throughout my term. Their passion and volunteer hours keep this organization moving forward.

GO PACK!

Sincerely,

**Matt Clifton '93**

President, Nevada Alumni Council



**Matt Clifton '93**  
President

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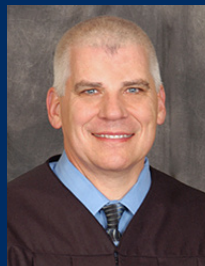
## Class Chat



**Debbie (Brown) Cutshaw**  
'74, '01 M.A., '07 M.A.-T.E.



**Ron James** '78, '81 M.A.



**Egan Walker** '86



**David O'Shea** '94

## KEY

**N** Nevada Alumni Lifetime Member  
**N** Nevada Alumni Annual Member

## '50s

**John B. Harris '54** (art) has been studying brain and spinal cord injuries in Western American skiing and alpine winter sports for 37 years. He has been able to combine his specialty surgical activities with his lifelong involvement in skiing, and he has served as a volunteer race physician for local, regional, national and international ski races. He was appointed to the 1960 Winter Olympics Ski Patrol and serves as medical staff volunteer for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

## '60s

**Barbara R. (Marcus) Dahlke '61** (journalism) recently retired from the entertainment industry and political public relations, and she moved to Santa Barbara from Beverly Hills, Calif. She was the former press secretary to Nevada Sen. Howard W. Cannon (1967-77) and aide to former California Gov. Pat Brown (1986-96). Barbara also worked extensively as a publicist in the entertainment industry.

**Kathleen (Oldham) Taylor '61** (elementary education) just sold the ranch near Elko after 105 years in the Oldham family.

**Don Kissig '62** (civil engineering) and **Marcia (Craig) Kissig '59** (education) are now retired and living in Trophy Club, Texas, to be closer their three children and four grandchildren.

This follows 17 moves around the world during their 55 (and counting) years of marriage, including Ethiopia and Malawi. During their working careers, Don served in a number of engineering assignments while Marcia was engaged in various educational endeavors and raising their children.

## '70s

**Tim C. King '71** (mechanical engineering) has published a book entitled *Fleet Services: Managing to Redefine Success*. Focusing on automotive fleets, the book provides an overview of customer service excellence with insights and supporting best practices to transition from surviving to thriving. Tim retired in 2008 from a 30-year career with NVEnergy.

**Debbie (Brown) Cutshaw '74** (criminal justice), '01 M.A. (English), '07 M.A.-T.E. (teaching of English) has retired from the Nevada Department of Corrections where she served as a caseworker and has since been busy volunteering, writing western film essays and movie scripts for fun. Her first novel, *A Pleasant Distraction*, is available for Kindle.

**Ron James '78** (history), '81 M.A. received the Rodman Paul Award for Outstanding Contributions to Mining History from the Mining History Association for his efforts in preserving western mining sites. Ron was the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer from 1983 to 2012, and he recently retired as the executive director of the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture, which he

created in 2013. Last year he was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame.

## '80s

**Egan Walker '86** (nursing) of the Second Judicial District Court, Family Division, Washoe County, has joined the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a member of the board of directors. He also serves on the board of directors of The Children's Cabinet. He is past board member and member of Sparks Rotary and has had the pleasure of working with the Reed High School We the People program and at Sierra Vista Elementary School.

## '90s

**Darl Kiernan '94** (education), '98 M.Ed., '12 Ph.D. recently received the Celebrate Literacy award from the International Literacy Association. She was also recognized with a Nevada Distinguished Literacy Award from the Nevada Department of Education for her contributions to the revised State Literacy Plan. Darl serves as a literacy trainer for Washoe County's Striving Readers Grant.

**N David O'Shea '94** (economics) was recently appointed to serve as vice president of strategic initiatives and information services for Rio Salado College in Tempe, Ariz. David also had the position of acting chief information officer and chief technology officer for the college.





Dave Hall '96



Tony Illia '96 M.A.



Patrick McFarland '97



Karen Griffin '00

**Dave Hall '96** (journalism) has returned to Las Vegas as morning anchor at FOX5 TV. After starting his career at KRNK in Reno, Dave spent eleven years at FOX5 in Las Vegas as a sports anchor and later morning anchor. He then moved to the midwest where he spent three years at KCTV5 in Kansas City. Dave is happy to be back in Las Vegas with his wife and daughter. Dave is married to his college sweetheart, a fellow Nevada alumna **Bianca (Garces) Hall '98** (nursing).

**Michael D. Maupin '96** (history) graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV in December 2014 and recently passed the State Bar of Nevada examination. Before entering law school, he was in theater at Galena High School in Reno, and has acted in local community theater for many years. Mike is employed as a law clerk for Judge Simons in the Washoe District Court.

**Tony Illia '96 M.A.** (English) won a 2015 Abzee Award of Excellence from the Ameri-

can Society of Business Publication Editors. The article, entitled "Go/No-Go," appeared in *Engineering News Record*. Tony currently serves as chief public information officer for the Nevada Department of Transportation in the southern part of the state.

**Patrick McFarland '97** (journalism) has left the University of Nevada after almost 8 years as art director of *Nevada Silver & Blue* magazine and manager of publications in development and alumni relations. He has treasured his time on campus and will always be a proud alumnus. Patrick joins ITS Logistics as the director of marketing. He lives with his wife, **Amy McFarland '02** (health ecology), '04 M.A., daughter, Kaylee (9), and son, Sean (7) in sunny Reno, Nevada and enjoys general merriment. Go Pack!

**Michael E. Norris '99 Ph.D.** (political science) has published his second book, *Undue Process*, an analysis of the privatization of law enforcement in America. His doctoral dissertation,

*Reinventing the Administrative State*, was published the year after he earned his Ph.D. For many years Michael was a newspaper journalist in Reno and a co-founder of Nevada Weekly, the precursor of Reno News & Review.

## '00s

**Pam Beaton '00** (health sciences) has joined the American Society of Transplant Surgeons as director of education. Throughout her career, Pam has been active in advancing the field of continuing medical education and received a Fellow designation from the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions, where she is chair of the Medical Specialty Society member section. Pam lives in Alexandria, Va., is active in her local Nevada State Society and loves trying new tricks on the flying trapeze.

**Karen Griffin '00** (journalism) has been promoted to vice president, public affairs at Faiss Foley Warren Public Relations & Public

## Wolf cubs



**Rebecca (Richards) Rossback '08** (human development and family studies) and Gerald Rossback are happy to introduce the newest Wolf Pack fan, Bodie Edward Rossback, born July 1, 2015.



**Misty (McKittrick) Wells '07** (elementary education) and **Shay Wells '07** (criminal justice) would like to announce the birth of their third son, Gavin Shay Wells. Gavin was born March 30, 2015.



**Jasia Beehler '12** (general studies) and **Anthony Beehler '09** (economics) announce the birth of their baby boy, Nolan Mitchell, on May 17, 2015.



**Virginia Ibarra '00** (civil engineering), '15 M.S. would like to announce the birth of her son, Maximum Sebastian Ibarra-Madrid, on Nov. 30, 2014.





Sarah Carmona '05

Affairs. In this role, Karen provides strategic direction and communications to the firm's clients throughout Nevada.

**Sarah Carmona '05** (economics) has been named the number one individual real estate agent in the state of Nevada and number 39 in the nation by REAL Trends, Inc. Sarah is co-founder of the Dreams Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has given more than \$325,000 to local individuals and organizations since 2012.

**Tyler Ames '07** (biology) is assistant professor of Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Vanderbilt University. He recently joined the Vanderbilt Dental Clinic where he specializes in a range of services, including cosmetic dentistry, implants and performing periodontal surgery.

**Matt McKnight '07** (political science) works as a project director for the League of Conservation Voters in Washington, D.C. and volunteers with Nevada's Northeast Alumni

Chapter and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter at American University.

**Ben Garrido '08** (journalism) recently published his first novel, *The Blackguard*, a thriller about a community of white supremacists that gets overrun by urban sprawl. It explores the meaning of racial identity and the process of cutting off one's roots.

**Michael Lisowski '09** (sociology) now lives in



Photo courtesy of NBC's Last Comic Standing

## Kickin' it with K-von | Last Comic Standing

It was an amazing experience to be part of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" this year! And it was especially rewarding sharing the stage with celebrity judges Roseanne, Norm MacDonald ("Saturday Night Live"), and Keenan Ivory Wayans ("In Living Color"). These are legends that I grew up admiring. They always made me laugh and it was a dream come true to return the favor.

The one thing I didn't like about the show is that it's a competition where comedy doesn't need to be one. You can laugh at several different performers in a single night without eliminating any of them, but

that's how the show works and it was fun being a part of it. I thought I'd give you a behind-the-scenes look into how it all works:

- **Getting Seen:** You send in an audition tape to NBC, and if you're lucky, they ask to see you live at a local comedy club.
- **Showcase:** If they happen to check you out and like you enough, then they give you a formal showcase date to see what you've got. It's on!
- **Another Showcase:** They liked you... now they want to make sure it wasn't a fluke.
- **Network Approval:** And now another showcase... this time with the producers/execs lurking in the shadows, watching and taking notes. No pressure, right?!
- **You're on the Show!:** Out of more than 3,000 comedians vying for a spot, if you make the cut, you get the call that you're in the top 100 and will appear on NBC in front of 15 MILLION PEOPLE from around the world (what did I get myself into)! Now you need to block out a few months on your calendar, because no one knows when that night might be.
- **Reschedule:** Oh, you thought it was next week? Nope. They move the dates around a few times just to keep you on your toes.
- **Picking Your Jokes:** As a comic you have to sift through your arsenal and find the best 3 minutes of material you think will set you apart while also lighting the crowd on fire. Not easy. A short set like that leaves no room for error. Each joke must land as

expected and hit hard. (My advantage: I snuck off to Vegas and performed 3 shows a night for 10 days leading up to the big event. THANK YOU NEVADA!)

- **Day of Filming:** Arrive 14 hours early to cake on the makeup and then... wait for hours. You see your comic 'friends' who are now your sworn enemies. (Not really, but you know, there's about a million dollars on the line, so, yeah). Some are nervous, while others seem fine. Some are faking fine, but really nervous. Some are faking that they're nervous but really fine! Comics are a weird bunch. You start deciding how you're going to play it. (I went with faking nervous, but also, actually nervous.)
- **Time to Shine:** You can't watch the other comics perform as you're held in a secluded area for six hours or so. Then they call out your name, hand you a mic, and basically shove you out on stage! Now you have to deliver. My strategy is to focus on winning the audience and forget the pressure of the judges. If the audience is laughing, the judges have to feel that.
- **Sit Back, Relax:** Let the chips fall as they may, you did your job so enjoy the moment... whew!

Thank you to everyone that watched the show and sent your support along the way. It was a great experience. I ended up a semi-finalist on the biggest comedy showcase in the world and now... more great things to come. #staytuned

*K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Visit [www.kvon.tv](http://www.kvon.tv) or [facebook.com/KvonComedy](https://www.facebook.com/KvonComedy) for info.*



## Wolf Mates



**Karah (Lucas) English '08** (international affairs) '11 M.Ed. and **Chris English '12 M.Ed** were married Oct. 4, 2014 at Montreux Golf and Country Club. They met in a political science class at Nevada while undergrads in 2006, and are now both teachers in Washoe County.



**Matt McKnight '07** (political science) and **Michael Lisowski '09** (sociology) were married at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C. July 25. They were joined by family and friends, including dozens of Nevada alumni. Matt and Michael first met in Sociology 101 in 2004 and now reside in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. and works as a legislative assistant for Rep. Joe Heck, serving Nevada's 3rd Congressional District. He is currently serving his second term on the executive board of the Nevada State Society.

### '10s

**Scott O'Bar '11** (general studies) is the author of *Alternative Crops for Drylands: Proactively Adapting to Climate Change and Water Shortages*. The book is a useful resource for individuals in drought affected areas in the U.S. and for those seeking ways to improve the livelihoods of farmers in arid climates. [N](#)

Submissions are due Nov. 13 and can be sent to: [chatter@unr.edu](mailto:chatter@unr.edu). We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.



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## Chapter Updates



### Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter

Monika M. Mala '04, '12 M.A., [monikam@unr.edu](mailto:monikam@unr.edu)

The 4th annual AAPI graduation celebration in May saw its best turnout ever with more than 60 graduating students! Friends and family came together in the Joe Crowley Student Union to celebrate the new Nevada alumni. With more than 150 guests, we're happy to see the event grow every year. We also recognized the first AAPI scholarship recipient at the event, a current Nevada student who showed great community service and academic scholarship.

The chapter has a full lineup of fall events with the fall Sushi Social and the annual Mystery Bus tour.

### College of Business Alumni Association

Vick Wowo '11, [vwowo@whitneypeakhotel.com](mailto:vwowo@whitneypeakhotel.com)

The College of Business Alumni Association sponsored a graduation reception for the graduating business students in May and co-sponsored the Nevada Alumni Association's Pack Picnic on the Quad featuring Guitar Woody and the Boilers July 22. For more information about our upcoming events and annual publication, *N Venture*, please visit [www.cobaa.org](http://www.cobaa.org).

The COBAA Board would like to thank Nicole Vance '96 (finance) for her service as board president for the 2014-2015 term. We welcome incoming President Kyle McCann '05, '11 M.S., as well as new board members, Vick Wowo '11, Erika Ibaibarriaga '10, '14 MBA, Gary Brooks '14 MBA, Trevor Howell '11 and Laura Nelson '12. To learn more about COBAA and to find out how to join, please contact Erika Ibaibarriaga at [erikaibaibarriaga@yahoo.com](mailto:erikaibaibarriaga@yahoo.com).



TOP LEFT: New Nevada Alumni line up before they are introduced at the annual AAPI graduation celebration. ABOVE: Honors Program students and alumni served cookies and greeted guests at the Pack Picnic on the Quad Aug. 12. (Left to right) Garrett Abe '15, Joseph Ward '15, Shay Daylamj, Luke Tanaka, Riley Carroll '15, Reena Spansail '15.

### Honors Program Alumni Chapter

Riley Carroll '15, [rileybcarroll@gmail.com](mailto:rileybcarroll@gmail.com)

The new Honors Program Alumni Chapter leadership, together with current Honors Program staff and students, sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad this summer. Turnout was great, and Whitney Myer '09 (Spanish) (the same act that we sponsored last year) was excellent as usual. We enjoyed rounding out the summer by handing out popcorn and lemonade to guests on the Quad and getting the word out about our fall activities.

### Native American Alumni Chapter

Stephanie Wyatt '12, [swyatt1031@gmail.com](mailto:swyatt1031@gmail.com)

The Native American Alumni Chapter welcomed incoming

freshmen, current students and alumni for a welcome back BBQ in August. This was a great event to bring families and alumni back to campus. Alumni and faculty of The Center for Student Cultural Diversity were able to give positive messages, encouragement and share success stories.

We look forward to partnering with Athletics to celebrate Native American Heritage month in November. Stay in touch with chapter events through Facebook.

### Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter

Jocelyn Weart '00, [nvbaac@gmail.com](mailto:nvbaac@gmail.com)

It's been a busy summer for the Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter! In July, the group got together for a family BBQ in San Jose and enjoyed happy hour cocktails in San Francisco. In August, chapter members watched the San Francisco Giants take on the Nationals at AT&T Park. This September there will be a special





The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Cheers to Happy Hour Aug. 13 at Napa Sonoma and raised \$3,700 for academic scholarships for the Nevada Cheer and Spirit Team's student athletes.

cocktail hour for those who graduated from 1950-1979, so stay in touch on Facebook for more details!

With football season right around the corner, the NVBAAC will also host several football viewing parties around the Bay Area so we can cheer on the Wolf Pack together! Keep an eye out for our upcoming events on Facebook or our website, [www.nvbaac.com](http://www.nvbaac.com). GO PACK!

## Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter

Elliot Sparkman '04, [eesparkman@gmail.com](mailto:eesparkman@gmail.com)

The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter has several events planned for Homecoming this year. Thursday, Oct. 22 we will be honored as Chapter of the Year at the Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Gala. Friday, Oct. 23 we will participate in the 2015 Wolf Pack March from the Arch and pep rally on the quad with the current team. Saturday, Oct. 24, our Homecoming tailgate party will start three hours before kickoff in the North Parking Lot of Mackay Stadium. Enjoy complimentary food and beverages for all active chapter members. We will meet the current team, cheer on the Pack and have our annual halftime field introduction. Not a current chapter member? Visit the Alumni Association webpage and join today!

If you need additional information, would like to make a donation to support our student athletes with academic scholarships, participate in our professional mentorship program or join the

chapter, please visit <http://alumni.unr.edu/chapters>. GO PACK!

## Nevada Football Alumni Association

Matt Airolidi '95, [tgratsunami61@yahoo.com](mailto:tgratsunami61@yahoo.com)

The Nevada Football Alumni Association will once again host tailgate parties two hours before kickoff for each home football game. Our tailgate area is located in the northwest corner of the stadium. Please visit our chapter webpage for pricing and details. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, share stories, eat good food and cheer on the Pack.

The 2005 team will be honored during the UNLV football game Oct. 3, and the 1995 team will be honored this season at the Homecoming game Oct. 24. If you are interested in attending, being part of the weekend festivities, or if you just need more information, please contact David Sabolcik at [dsabolcik@unr.edu](mailto:dsabolcik@unr.edu).

We look forward to seeing at the football games this year and watching the Wolf Pack battle for the Mountain West Championship.

## Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

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In collaboration with the Orvis Student Nurses Association, OS-

NAA held another successful mock interview event in September. These events are an ongoing project for our chapter and provide valuable experiences for both students and alumni, so it's a win-win! If you'd like to participate in the next mock interview, please stay in touch on Facebook.

OSNAA now has 128 members! If you are not one of them, please consider joining us. Membership offers you entertainment, continuing education and fun social events. It also helps our chapter continue to fund our yearly scholarship awards to Orvis nursing students. And don't forget to check us out on Facebook!

## Sacramento Alumni Chapter

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The Sacramento Alumni Chapter was revived from a brief drought by a brunch viewing party for the Nevada at Texas A&M game Sept. 19 at Bunz & Company in Roseville.

We are planning a road trip to Reno for Homecoming with a pre-game party at Whitney Peak Hotel Friday, Oct. 23. After dinner, we'll head outside and join the March from the Arch.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge chapter member Bill Chaffin's '66 (political science) generous gift to Nevada's School of Liberal Arts. His gift fully endowed a scholarship for a qualified ROTC student in the Wolf Pack Battalion, Department of Military Science. If you would like to contribute to the endowment fund, please visit [giving.unr.edu](http://giving.unr.edu).





*TOP: The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter shows Pack pride on Mt. Charleston at the annual Hike & Hydrate event July 18. BOTTOM LEFT: Seattle Alumni Chapter members Valerie Rosenfield '13, Jennifer Mabus '12, Samuel Owens '12 and Jennifer Richards '09 at a viewing party for the Nevada vs. Arizona football game Sept. 12 at Kangaroo & Kiwi Pub in Seattle. TOP MIDDLE: USAC Alumni Chapter member Daniel Coffey '15 with his host family during his study abroad in Cuba January, 2015. TOP RIGHT: Cesar Melgarejo '13 gives introductory remarks at Engage-Veteran Professionals Networking Breakfast with student veterans and chapter members from University of Nevada and Truckee Meadows Community College Aug. 7 at the Ramada Reno Hotel and Casino.*

## Seattle Alumni Chapter

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The Seattle Alumni Chapter hosted a trivia event July 15 in Shoreline, Wash. that was a great success. We are planning several WolfPack watch parties for fall, so please stay in touch through our Facebook page for more information.

## Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter

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The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter continues to host well-attended events in the Las Vegas area! In July, we held our annual Hike & Hydrate event and dozens of alumni showed up to hike from the Cathedral Rock trailhead at Mt. Charleston. In August, Nevada alumni and their families gathered in the desert for a special presentation of "Tarzan" for our 2nd annual Super

Summer Theater Night.

As football season approaches, we will be hosting watch parties around the valley, so be sure to visit our Facebook page or keep an eye out for email alerts to stay up-to-date on the chapter's activities!

## University Studies Abroad Consortium Alumni Chapter

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A record number of Nevada students recently completed summer classes abroad. This fall more than 100 students from the University of Nevada are studying abroad in Thailand, Brazil and more than 40 other USAC program locations around the globe.

We are proud to announce that during the 2014-15 academic year USAC—in conjunction with generous Nevada donors—awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships to Nevada students in an effort to help them achieve their goal of studying abroad.

Please join our new LinkedIn group to connect with over 1,600 members.

## Veterans Alumni Chapter

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The Veterans Alumni Chapter will host Engage Veteran Professionals Networking Breakfast events throughout the fall. These meetings allow veterans to showcase their leadership and spirit of service. Past keynote speakers have included prominent local community leaders such as Congressman Mark Amodei and Reno City Councilman Oscar Delgado. The event includes a breakfast buffet, introductory and keynote speakers, followed by a networking session. For more information on our upcoming Engage Networking Breakfasts and other events like us on Facebook! [N](#)





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Danielle Miyamoto '15	Shelby L. Olson '13	Barbara A. Patterson	Daniel B. Rockwell '00	Milton L. Sharp '54	Colleen F. Struve '69, '76	Wesley F. Viera '76	Steven G. Wood
Brian Mohart	Stewart T. Olson '77	Barbara A. Patterson	Tanya A. Rockwell '00	Brian J. Sharpes '94	Larry D. Struve '64	Eddie E. Vigil '13	Daniel C. Woolley '75
Albert C. Mohatt '62	Johnette R. Oman '99, '03	Barbara A. Patterson	Mauricio Rodarte	Michelle D. Sharpes '94	Michelle A. Sturge '90	Frankie Vigil-Murakami '00	My Ann Woolley '70, '88
Linda R. Mohatt '63, '64, '88	Joy M. Orlich '84	Barbara A. Patterson	Casey Rodela	Dena L. Sheldon '93	Jennifer A. Sturm '11, '15	David R. Vill	Victor A. Wong '11
Margaret T. Mohr '52	Jennifer B. Orloff '12	Barbara A. Patterson	Julie T. Rodolph '72	Jeffrey Sheldon	Kym Suh	Denise A. Vill	Boquan Yin '11, '13
Todd Mohr	Steven W. Orr '08	Barbara A. Patterson	Al Rogers	Scott Shelley '84	Michael L. Sullens '94	Michael Vinson	Paul T. Young '07
Teresa J. Moiola '99	Kim S. Orthner '77	Barbara A. Patterson	Jason M. Rogers	Donald E. Shelton '10	Aimee Sullivan	JoAnn Viola	Perry B. Young '82
Richard V. Moore '50	Walter H. Orthner '78	Barbara A. Patterson	Roswell P. Rogers '60	Yingqian Shi '14	Diana L. Sullivan '89	Tyler C. Visman	Robert D. Young '70
Theodore H. Moore '60, '76	John K. Osmond '70	Barbara A. Patterson	Brian E. Rollins '84	Anna M. Shields '68	Sean P. Sullivan '81	Michael Vogel	Paula Yturbe
John M. Moran '10	Timothy J. Ottmann	Barbara A. Patterson	Lisa M. Rollins '82	Lonnie F. Shields '78	John K. Sutherland '05, '10	Miriam A. Volpin	Michel Zarate Guerrero
David J. Morgan '64	Amy B. Ozuna '08	Barbara A. Patterson	Risa A. Ronan '67	Suzette E. Shipman '84	Kerry L. Sutherland '07	Zoran Vujasinovic	Sonia A. Zaryczyn '04
Janet M. Morgan '70	Anthony L. Ozuna '07	Barbara A. Patterson	Terrance A. Ronan '68	Linda L. Shoenberger	John H. Sutton '70	Cody J. Wagner '08, '12	Kimberly L. Zaski '95, '04
Keith Morgan	Jessica L. Pace '14	Barbara A. Patterson	Warren E. Ronsheimer '63	Rhonda J. Shoolroy '69	Fredrick R. Suwe '92	Susan F. Wagstaff '84	Veronica L. Zdenkova
Mary A. Morgan	Charlyne M. Pacini '58	Barbara A. Patterson	Alan S. Ross '61	Robert E. Shriner '70	Christopher J. Svendsen '93	Murray E. Waid '76, '80, '87	'92, '08
Mary Lynne Morgan '63	Guy A. Packer '74	Barbara A. Patterson	Janet S. Ross '62	Patrick Rossi	Olivia M. Swaner '60, '61	Kim C. Waldo '66	Susan Zeiter
Shane Moritz	Francis Page	Barbara A. Patterson	Patrick Rossi	Patricia M. Routhier '14	Kyle B. Swanson '85	Robert B. Walker '63	Joseph M. Zelayeta '68
Kathryn M. Morris	Albert F. Pagni '61	Barbara A. Patterson	Jeffrey Rowe	Jeffrey Rowe '06	Dale A. Tabat '75	Mark D. Wallace '68	Yang Zhang '15
Amy Morrison	Nancy T. Pagni '61	Barbara A. Patterson	Kelly J. Rowe '05	Reed C. Simmons	Sandra L. Talley '68	Roxie Taft '88	Marquetta E. Zideck
Monte C. Morrison '86	Romeo Palacio	Barbara A. Patterson	Kristin M. Rowe '08	Paramjit Singh	Byron L. Tam '11	Kyle Walt	William S. Zideck '61
Todd R. Morse '99	Sherry Palacio	Barbara A. Patterson	Floyd Rowley	William Q. Sinnott '66	Kathleen A. Taylor '61	Mary Jo Walton	Shelly Zimmerman
Mary Lou Moser '70, '75	Michelle A. Palaroan '96	Barbara A. Patterson	John Rucker '81	Matthew L. Slagle '13	David Tette	Jaclyn D. Wander '14	Sean M. Zint '08
Dixie L. Moss	Mark L. Palooian '69	Barbara A. Patterson	Timothy R. Ruffin	Jean Smeath	Edward R. Therkelsen '51	Aaron P. Warburton '03	Kristy L. Zive '73
Marvin L. Moss '52, '82	Niklas H. Putnam '90	Barbara A. Patterson	David Russell '67	Robert J. Smeath '61	Frances M. Thiercof '50	Annette A. Ward '73	Philip L. Zive '75
Susan M. Mullen '69	Claire Pyburn-Christie	Barbara A. Patterson	Dayle K. Rust '62	Adam J. Smith '08	David W. Thomas '72	Jon K. Wardlaw '81, '89	Eleanor L. Zuliani
Barbara L. Muller '50	David R. Quilici '90, '97	Barbara A. Patterson		Cassandra L. Smith	Edward C. Thomas '87	Edward E. Warman '72	
L. Frederic Muller '50		Barbara A. Patterson					



Gatherings



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## Emeriti Faculty Reception

Emeriti faculty returned to campus Aug. 11 for the 10th annual reception in their honor. Nearly 100 attendees, including guest speakers President Marc Johnson and Nevada Alumni Council President Matt Clifton '93, enjoyed an afternoon event in the Honor Court. Dean and professor emeritus Neal Ferguson addressed the group regarding the formation of a faculty emeritus organization on campus.

**(1)** Former Dean of Extended Studies and Professor Emeritus Neal Ferguson with Roberta Ferguson '80 Ph.D.

**(2)** Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Allison Stephens, University President Marc Johnson, Peggy Arps and Professor Emeritus Tommy Thompson.

**(3)** Professor Emeritus Roger Lewis and Kathy Lewis with Cleve Bjur and Professor Emeritus Richard Bjur.

**(4)** Bob McCracken, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John K. Carothers and Professor Emerita Sachiko St. Jeor.

**(5)** Susan Welsh, University Provost Kevin Carman and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Mick Hitchcock.

**(6)** Professor Emerita Ardythe McCracken and Professor Emerita Sachiko St. Jeor.

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## Pack Picnics

Sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association, Summer Session and various alumni chapters, Pack Picnics on the Quad are a great way to stay connected to the University through the summer months. These events are a much-loved tradition for Nevada alumni and friends. Hundreds of families spread blankets, listen to live music, and enjoy each other's company on the Quad for the

free, six-concert music series throughout July and August.

**(1)** Nevada alumni and friends pack the Quad to listen to Jelly Bread on July 29.

**(2)** Victor Rameker '07 MBA and son, Oliver, age 3.

**(3)** Current student Lauren Walsh, Laura Canfield, current student Andrew Wolken and Joe Peltier '84 with puppy, Henry.

**(4)** What's a picnic without watermelon?

**(5)** Jeannette Smith '04, '07 M.A. with Savannah, age 2, and Cassidy, age 6, and Adriana Marin '05, '09 M.Ed. with Samira, age 2, and Sofia, age 5.

**(6)** Candace '84 and Greg Bortolin '86, '11 M.Ed. toast to a good time.

**(7)** Drummer Cliff Porter Sr. of the band Jelly Bread.

**(8)** June Ellem and Ali Chaney '96.



## Gatherings



## WIN Breakfast

The Nevada Alumni Association sponsored the WIN Breakfast Aug. 28 at the Peppermill.

**(1)** Nevada Alumni Council members Nick Butler '02, '06 M.A., Kris Layman '93, Amy Ozuna '08, David Pressler '72 M.P.A., '82 M.A., Delores Clewe '69, Mary-Ann Brown '85, '96 M.S. and Nevada Alumni Council President Matt Clifton '93.

**(2)** Eric Freyer, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Chair Mary Simmons '78, WIN Vice President of Sponsorships Reed Simmons and Kelly Horgan '13.

**(3)** School of Medicine Director of Marketing and

Communications Susan Hill, Zach Johnson '09, Jill Johnson '10, and School of Medicine Director of Public Affairs Richelle O'Driscoll '78, '96 M.A.

## Alumni Football Tailgate

The Nevada Alumni Association's tailgate parties are open to all alumni and fans in Legacy Hall two hours before kickoff for every home game.

**(4)** Ava Putnam and Tyler Carothers volunteer at the tailgate party Sept. 12.

**(5)** Proud Wolf Pack fans enjoy food and drinks before the Nevada vs. Arizona football game Sept. 12.

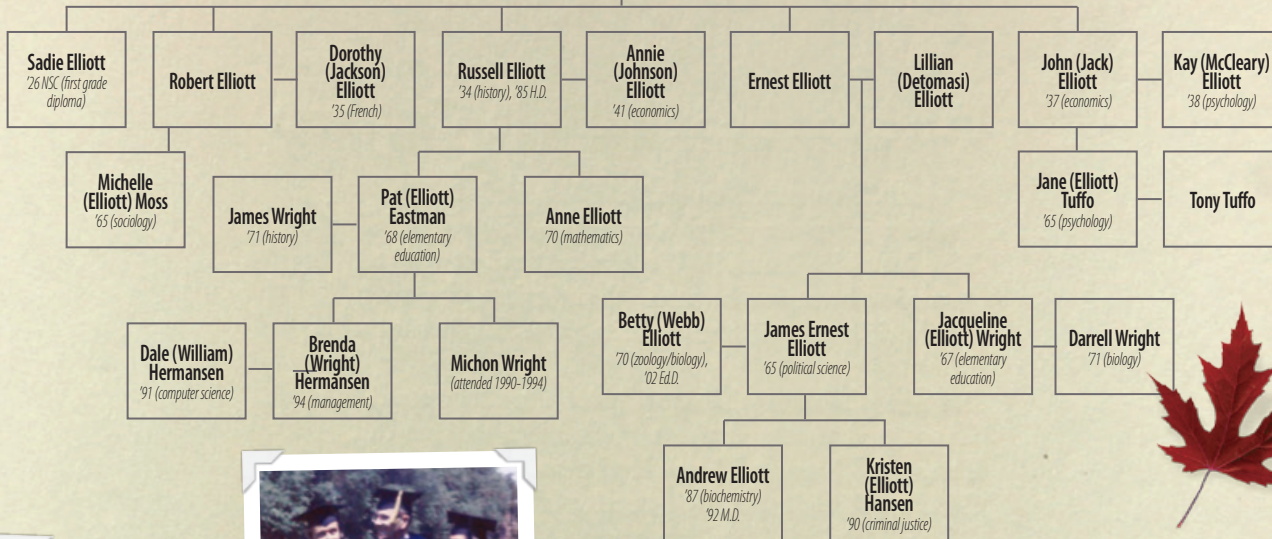
## Arizona Alumni Gathering

More than 15 alumni and friends gathered at the Brat Haus in Scottsdale, Ariz. Sept. 12 to watch the Nevada vs. Arizona football game.

**(6)** James Auge '98, Tammy Krikorian Gabel, with daughters Lila and Quin, Janet Berry Johnson, Chris Rangel, Judi Sand '09, '12, Nevada Alumni Council member Megan May '05, '07, '13 MBA, Taylor Anderson '11, Everett Jesse, Audrey Brandin '06, Catherine Brandin '07, (FRONT) Brian Johnson '03 and son Cohen.



## Elliott Family Tree



TOP: 1970 graduation of Anne and Betty Elliott with Professor Russell Elliott. LEFT: (back row) Dale Hermansen '91, Pat Eastman '68, Jim Elliott '71, Kristen Hansen '90, Michon Wright, Brenda Hermansen '94. (front row) Anne Elliott '70, Betty Elliott '70, Jane Tuffo '65, Michelle Moss '65. RIGHT: The Elliott clan in 1955. Top row: Russell Elliott '34, '85 H.D., Ernest Elliott, James T Elliott Jr, Robert Elliott, John (Jack) Elliott '37. Second row: Patricia Eastman '68, James E Elliott '65, Michelle Moss '65, Jane Tuffo '65. Seated: Annie Elliott, Lillian Elliott, Sadie Elliott '26, Dorothy Elliott '35, Kay Elliott '38. Bottom row: Anne Elliott '70, Jacqueline Wright '67, John Elliott.

## A Tradition in Nevada Education

James T. Jr. and Mary Jane Elliott moved to White Pine County, Nevada in 1907. Growing up in a company town, their seven children benefitted from being exposed to the rich atmosphere found in a small town. Sadie was the first to go to college. She pursued a career in education and became a teacher and principal in White Pine County, thus starting the Elliott education tradition. Russell, professor emeritus who taught history at Nevada for 28 years, and John (Jack) followed shortly thereafter. The next generation of six cousins continued to lean towards education. They are all avid Wolf Pack football and basketball fans and bleed silver and blue.

How many University of Nevada alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit [unr.edu/alumni](http://unr.edu/alumni) or call 888.NV ALUMS.

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# Remembering Friends



Jacquelin P. Sage



Cyril M. Worby



Mary J. (McSorley)  
Garamendi '42



Jack A. Means '51



Beverly J. (Read)  
Williams '57



Peter H. Fiek '68



Georgia Westbrook  
'73, '82 M.A.



Marjorie A. (Mullin)  
Saarem '74



Paul D. Gowins '90



Joshua S. Liles '04

## Friends

### Joseph D. Carter

June 18, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Barbara J. Gianoli

May 17, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Peter W. Hummel

July 25, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### John B. Rose

June 26, 2016 — Reno, Nev.

### Jacquelin P. Sage

July 23, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

## Faculty

### Harold F. Bonham

June 6, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

### Cyril M. Worby

July 3, 2015 — Arlington, Va.

## Alumni

### Thelma M. (Armstrong)

Armbruster '38 (English)

Feb. 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Mary J. (McSorley) Garamendi '42

(psychology, English)

March 19, 2015 — Mokelumne Hill, Calif.

### Merton E. Domonoske '47

(agricultural economics)

July 16, 2015 — Fallon, Nev.

### Billie R. Hilts, attended fall 1947

April 24, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Elmer R. Vacchina '47 (economics)

July 27, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### E. P. 'Chuck' Charlton '50 (economics)

May 24, 2015 — Hillsborough, Calif.

### Marjean Binns, attended 1950

July 19, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Jack A. Means '51 (civil engineering)

June 5, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Marvin C. Abrams '52, '54 M.S.

(chemistry)

June 7, 2015 — Pomona, Calif.

### Raymond L. Gonsalves '53

(secondary education)

June 15, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### John P. Lee '55 (prelegal)

July 9, 2015 — Las Vegas, Nev.

### Dale W. Burt '56 (civil engineering)

July 7, 2015 — Tahoe Vista, Calif.

### Beverly J. (Read) Williams '57

(psychology)

June 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### William Rusk, attended 1955-57

March 32, 2014 — Sequim, Wash.

### Raymond P. Corradetti, attended

1957-62

July 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Gerald W. Cobb '58 (business

administration)

June 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Roy S. Kidder '59 (physical education)

July 5, 2015 — Carson City, Nev.

### Kenneth E. Goodrich '60 (education)

June 28, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Harold F. Bonham '63 (geology)

June 6, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

### Shirley S. (Saturas) Hansen '63

(elementary education)

July 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Kathy S. Davis, attended 1964-68

June 12, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Victor N. Eppinger '66 (management)

June 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Peter H. Fiek '68 (German)

July 30, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Edward R. Madsen '70 (marketing),

'77 (accounting)

June 26, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

### Nancy L. Peppin '76 (art)

June 22, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Daniel Fogarty, attended 1970-73

June 6, 2015 — Butte, Mont.

### William L. Carpenter '71 (finance)

June 28, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Teresa L. (Keller) Weldon '71

(elementary education)

July 3, 2015 — Fallon, Nev.

### Erma A. (Rupp) Fritchen '72 (special

education)

July 20, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

### Georgia W. Westbrook '73, '82

M.A.

July 8, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

### Marjorie A. (Mullin) Saarem '74

(elementary education)

July 10, 2015 — Carson City, Nev.

### Walter M. Katai '77 (Spanish)

July 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Stephen C. Greeley '83 (mechanical

engineering)

April 22, 2015 — Colorado Springs, Colo.

### Barbara A. (Hope) Latenser '85

M.D.

June 15, 2015 — Fort Collins, Colo.

### Laura A. Myers '85 (journalism)

June 19, 2015 — Las Vegas, Nev.

### Paul D. Gowins '90 (general studies)

June 11, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Deanna L. Lazovich '96 (general

studies)

July 17, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Michael S. Kleist, attended fall 2003

June 18, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

### Joshua S.

Liles '04

(criminal justice)

July 23, 2015 —

Sparks, Nev.

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### William A. Zamboni '80 (paramedicine), '84 M.D.

July 11, 2015 — Henderson, Nev.

A native Nevadan, Foundation professor and senior administrator within the School of Medicine, Dr. William Zamboni '80, '84 M.D. was one of the country's top-rated plastic and reconstructive surgeons. His career was marked by a dedication to research and improved patient outcomes, leading to medical advances that will benefit us all. We are grateful for Dr. Zamboni's life-long dedication to medical education at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.





## Hilda and Edward Wunner leave a Nevada Legacy

*The late Hilda Wunner (left) and friend Judy Cole with 2005 University Foundation Banquet Speaker Thomas Friedman.*

As a charter member of the Nevada Legacy Society, Hilda Wunner understood the impact of including the University of Nevada, Reno in her estate plans to continue the Nevada dream for future generations of students.

A planned gift from Hilda, who passed away in May, will benefit the Edward J. and Hilda B. Wunner Scholarship Endowment, which provides full medical school tuition each year to at least one student at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

"We are deeply grateful to Hilda for her long legacy of support to the University and its students," says School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk. "Scholarship endowments like this provide our students with much-needed financial support and contribute greatly to their future success."

Hilda was born and raised in Brooklyn,

N.Y. and worked at AT&T in New York with her late husband, Edward. The couple moved to Reno in 1969, where they both worked for Nevada Bell for 30 years. Hilda retired when she turned 50 years old so that she and Edward could travel extensively.

When Edward passed away in 1999, Hilda strived to live her life as she and Edward had lived, with great joy and enthusiasm. After his death, Hilda created a living trust to ensure a legacy for both her and Edward. The Edward J. and Hilda B. Wunner Endowment for Research was established to support stem cell research at the University. Before Hilda's passing, she amended the endowment to become a scholarship.

In 2007, Hilda also made a major gift to the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, dedicating the building's first-floor computer

laboratory in their name. Hilda was inducted into the University's Honor Court in 2008.

Hilda was an avid sports fan, especially where the Wolf Pack was concerned. She held season tickets for womens basketball, and also enjoyed football and mens basketball. In addition to her great support of the University, Hilda served on the board of the Nevada Opera and was a donor to several philanthropic organizations, including the Reno Philharmonic and the Reno Chamber Orchestra.

"Hilda brought great life and energy to the many events she attended on campus," says John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations. "She was an important member of the University community and her wit and wisdom will be missed."

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about the Nevada Legacy Society and planned giving at the University, please contact Lisa Riley, director of planned giving, at (775) 682-6017 or [lriley@unr.edu](mailto:lriley@unr.edu). To learn more about supporting the School of Medicine, please contact Seema Donahoe, associate development director, at (775) 682-7304 or [sdonahoe@unr.edu](mailto:sdonahoe@unr.edu).





## Five days. One amazing Homecoming.



### OCTOBER 20

**Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming Dinner**  
6-9 p.m., The Grove at South Creek

### OCTOBER 21

**Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter Social**  
6:30 p.m., Pub 'N' Sub

### OCTOBER 22

**Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Gala**  
Co-Sponsored by GEICO and Hometown Health  
6 p.m. No-host reception  
7 p.m. Dinner and program  
Milt Glick Ballroom,  
Joe Crowley Student Union

### OCTOBER 23

**College of Education's Tour de Raggio**  
1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tours  
Learning Resource Center,  
William Raggio Building

**School of Medicine Alumni Tour and Reception**  
4:30 p.m. Tours, Pennington Health Sciences Building  
5:30 p.m. Reception, Center for Molecular Medicine

**Sacramento Alumni Chapter Homecoming Pre-Game Party**  
5 p.m., Heritage at Whitney Peak Hotel

**International Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tea Party**  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Office of International Students and Scholars, Fitzgerald Student Services Building

**March from the Arch**  
In partnership with ASUN and the Nevada Alumni Association  
6 p.m. Food and fun,  
Downtown Reno  
8 p.m. Homecoming Parade,  
Reno Arch to the University Quad  
8:45 p.m. Pep Rally,  
University Quad

**Nevada Young Alumni Chapter Old Guys Night**  
9:30 p.m., The Little Waldorf Saloon

### OCTOBER 24

**Wolf Trot 5K Run**  
8 a.m., Joe Crowley Student Union

**Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Party**  
Co-Sponsored by Battle Born Beer, Camelot Party Rentals, GEICO, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union and Whispering Vine  
11 a.m., Legacy Hall

### Chapter Tailgates

**Native American Alumni**  
10 a.m., FAN Club Lot  
(Yellow lot, corner of N. Virginia and McCarran)

**Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni**  
10 a.m., Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot, Spot C, off 17th Street

**Nevada Young Alumni**  
10 a.m., Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot, Spot 9, off 17th Street

**Nevada Football Alumni**  
Prior to and during the Homecoming game, inside Mackay Stadium

**Nevada vs. Hawai'i Homecoming Football Game**  
1 p.m. Kickoff  
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